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JAPAN WILL PRESS HOME TO U.S. HER REAL INTENTIONS DECLARES KONOYE: NO PESSIMISTIC VIEW IS TAKEN OF THE FUTURE RELATIONS

TOKYO, FEBRUARY 26 (REUTER).—"THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT TAKE A PESSIMISTIC VIEW OF ITS FUTURE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES," stated PRINCE KONOYE, JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER, replying to a question in the Lower House.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS GOING FORWARD ALONG THE PATH WHICH IT BELIEVES TO BE JUST, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, IT WILL DO EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO PRESS HOME TO THE UNITED STATES JAPAN'S REAL INTENTIONS."

Referring to national service or the so-called new National Structure Movement, Prince Konoys said: "It is simply not feasible, under Japan's national structure, that a dictatorship enforced in foreign countries should be adopted in Japan."

"ALL 'ISMS' AND AGITATION, WHICH RUN COUNTER TO THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF JAPAN'S NATIONAL STRUCTURE AND SPIRIT WHICH INSPIRED THE FOUNDING OF THE JAPANESE EMPIRE, MUST BE ABSOLUTELY SUPPRESSED AND ELIMINATED."

Australia Can See No Reason Why Japan Should Enter War—Fadden

IN AUSTRALIA THE SITUATION IN THE PACIFIC CONTINUES TO BULK LARGELY IN PUBLIC AND NEWSPAPER DISCUSSION, states a message from Sydney.

The position has been the subject of two further Ministerial statements by MR. A. W. FADDEN, Acting Prime Minister of Australia, and SIR FREDERICK STEWART, Minister for External Affairs.

Speaking at a farewell dinner to Sir Bertram Stevens, Mr. Fadden said: "If war comes to the Pacific it will not be because Australia has given the signal. The Japanese have some kind of an agreement with Germany and Italy but Australia can see no reason why Japan should enter the war."

Australia Puts Her Back Into War Effort

MR. R. G. MENZIES, the Australian Prime Minister, said at a luncheon in London yesterday, that he regarded the Australian attitude to the war with satisfaction and added that they would see that Australia's contribution would be at its peak, states a London message.

He described the many ways in which Australia was putting her back into the war effort. Already there were 400,000 engaged in munition work and that number would be increased to 600,000 by the end of the year.

Mr. Menzies referred to Australia's help in the production of aircraft. There were 75 factories now in operation.

GREAT SATISFACTION
It had given the people of Australia great satisfaction to know that many millions of rounds of ammunition produced there had been fired in the defence of Britain.

Mr. Menzies paid a tribute to the armoured division in Libya without which, he said, the Australian troops would never have been able to achieve what they had done.

The Australian soldiers he had met in Libya knew the magnitude of the task before them and were cheerfully prepared to carry on even to having a snack at the real enemy.

Summing up Australia's war effort, Mr. Menzies said, "Whatever our achievements have been in the last twelve months I have not the slightest doubt that the achievements of the next twelve months will be three times as great." (Special)

FIFTEEN A WEEK
A factory in Canada is producing 15 Hurricane planes a week, states a London message.—(Special)

DANUBE SHIPPING RESUMED

Shipping has been resumed on the Danube between Rumania and Bulgaria as far as the Yugoslav frontier, states a London message.—(Special)

"Japan will only enter the war if she agrees to play the game that her Axis partners want her to play. We are prepared to defend this country."

"We want nothing but friendly relations with our neighbours but that does not mean that we shall shirk our responsibilities."

Sir Frederick Stewart reminded the people of Australia of the warning given to them recently by the Acting Prime Minister. Since then, he said, tension had relaxed but all the elements capable of producing a climax remain.

AUSTRALIA'S DESIRE
"There are no valid reasons why the Pacific nations should not live in terms of friendship and co-operation," said Sir Frederick. "It has always been Australia's desire that this should be so and if there is war in the Pacific it will not be of Australia's seeking."

"The British Government has tried to keep peace but we should carefully observe the warning given by the Prime Minister which still stands."

Sir Frederick said that information in the possession of the Government did not suggest that the situation had deteriorated since that warning and the Japanese spokesman himself had stated that Japan's intentions were peaceful.

Australia welcomed this declaration but unfortunately other voices were urging the Japanese to act.

JAPANESE MAKE FINAL OFFER OF MEDIATION

Japan is reported to be making a final mediation offer in the dispute between Indo-China and Thailand, states a London message.

The Asahi Shimbun speculates on the terms which have been submitted and believes they include the return to Thai of a part of Cambodia and a section of Laos.

PEACE HINGES
TOKYO, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Peace in the Far East hinges upon the replies received from France, and Thailand to compromise proposals which, it is understood, have been handed to peace delegates by the Japanese at an informal meeting on Feb. 24, the KOKUMIN SHIMBUN, the Rightist newspaper, says in an editorial this morning.

MR. KAWAI LEAVING
TOKYO, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, the first Japanese Minister to Australia, is leaving tomorrow for Kobe whence he is due to sail on Feb. 28 aboard the Canberra Maru and is due in Sydney on March 13.

Sir Frederick added that there were two moves which had created a feeling of disquiet.

One was the Japanese demand for bases in Indo-China and the other was the negotiations between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies.

If the demands made by the Japanese delegation had been accepted by the N. E. I. it would have robbed those Dutch possessions of their integrity and independence and the Dutch had very properly refused. This action was sufficient to create a state of tension which could not relax so long as the British Empire was engaged in a life and death struggle.

"Japanese may continue to affirm that the three-Power Pact is peaceful in nature but it is not consistent with the presence in Japan of large parties of German experts for the purpose of arranging a closer co-operation between the two countries."

NOT REASSURING

Sir Frederick also said that there had been a volume of comment in Germany and Japan which spoke of the parallel between the new orders of the West and the East. This was not reassuring to the world which already knew something of Axis philosophy.

"Australia has at all times been ready to extend to Japan her friendship and collaboration but Australia will not admit the right of one Power to seek to impose its domination in any part of the world."

Sir Frederick concluded by describing as ludicrous the statement that Australia was adopting a policy of aggression.

CORRECT ONE

A message from Sydney also added that Mr. R. G. Menzies, Australian Premier, who is now in London, commenting on Mr. Churchill's statement in which he said that there could be no compromise, or mediation possible in the present war, said that the statement was the correct one.

"We have repeated over and over again that there is now no place for mediation or compromise," said Mr. Menzies. "We intend to keep on with the job of winning the war."—(Special)

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Replying to a questioner, who emphasised the necessity of effective development of the three-Power Pact, and asked whether the Government is prepared to lead in its attitude towards Europe with the principles of Kodo (Imperial way) which guide Japan's movements, Prince Konoys said: "Japan's immovable policy rests in propagating Kodo throughout its work."

A London message adds that Prince Konoys, in making his assumption, as Premier, of the National Service Association which had been organised to meet national requirements far more important than those of private individuals' political parties or Cabinets.—(Special)

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IMPROVEMENTS TO GUAM AND SAMOA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives voted an appropriation of \$84,302,000 for expansion of naval shore stations.

Earlier, the Senate Naval Affairs Committee approved \$22,000,000 authorisation for improvements to the Pacific islands of Guam and Samoa.

Mr. Carl Vinson, chairman of the House Naval Affairs Committee, told the House that an agreement for lease of the naval base at Bermuda provided "that if necessary for the protection of the base, the United States had the right to assume military control and conduct military operations within any part of Bermuda."

He stated the British have been very fair in the destroyer deal and had given up, without charge, all crown lands which the United States Navy had decided to use.

ROME, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The condition of Ex-King Alfonso of Spain was described yesterday morning as still very grave. He was visited by the Italian Crown Prince on Tuesday night.

Today's News Summary

THE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER, Prince Konoys, has made a statement on future relations between Japan and the United States. He stated that Japan would do everything in her power to press home to America her real intentions.

FOLLOWING A RECORD BREAKING advance, stated to be 120 miles in one day, British forces have captured Mogadishu, the capital of Italian Somaliland. Progress in the advance towards Keren is maintained.

JAPAN IS STATED TO HAVE MADE a final offer of mediation in the Thailand dispute and it is speculated that the terms include the return of part of Cambodia and Laos to Thai.

THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY and General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, were accorded a great welcome when they arrived in Ankara yesterday. The crowds shouted, "Long live Eden! Long live Dill!"

AT A LUNCHEON IN LONDON YESTERDAY, the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, described how Australians were putting their backs into the war effort. He was confident that the achievements of the next twelve months would be even greater than those of the past twelve.

POISON GASES READY

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Hitler is known to have manufactured 700,000 British uniforms and an equal number of parachutes for an invasion, declared the former Assistant Secretary of War, Mr. Louis Johnson, in a speech. Hitler also had ready quantities of poison gases, he added.

BLACK-OUT EXERCISE

TAXIS SUSPEND SERVICE

The three-day black-out exercise began at sunset yesterday is believed to be regarded as successful. For the first time since these exercises were introduced in the Colony taxis were not operating both on the island and the mainland. Trams and buses ran as usual with dimmed lights.

While there was room for improvement in the screening of lights in certain residential areas in Wanchai, official quarters were very satisfied with the black-out in Kowloon especially the Tsimshatsui district.

TWO WARNINGS

Air raid warnings were sounded at 9.15 and 11 o'clock and the all-clear at 9.38 and 11.17.

It was of interest to note, however, that work on the A. R. P. tunnels opposite the Hongkong Bank was continued during the black-out.

There was a minor collision between bus Nos. 868 and 867 in Nathan Road near Jordan Road about 11.35 p.m. while earlier in the night, at 7.25, a China Motor bus hit a lamp standard at the junction of Belchers Street and Davis Street.

Eden And Dill In Ankara

ANKARA, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Minister, and General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, arrived in Ankara yesterday and were met by the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu, the British Ambassador and the Vice-Chief of the Turkish General Staff.

The British visitors are expected to stay for two or three days and will lose no time in commencing discussions.

In addition to an official call on M. Sarajoglu, Mr. Eden yesterday visited Dr. Baydam, the Turkish Prime Minister, and also the President of the National Assembly.

General Dill called on Marshal Chakmak, Chief of the Turkish General Staff.

"LONG LIVE EDEN"

A huge crowd assembled at the station, and as the train with Mr. Eden and Sir John Dill aboard approached, there were loud prolonged cheers and shouts of "Long live Eden. Long live Dill!"

HOPE IS EXPRESSED OF FURTHER REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF FIREWOOD

Secret Government Plans To Curb Profiteering

By Our Staff Reporter

So well has the secret of Government's plans to curb the profiteering in firewood been kept that the announcement made by the Stores Controller, MR. W. J. ANDERSON, published in a GOVERNMENT GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY on Tuesday took the public completely by surprise, and many were the doubts expressed as to Government's ability to force the dealers to sell at nearly half the price ruling on the day the Order was made public.

Interviewed yesterday by a Hongkong Daily Press reporter, Mr. Anderson stated that the steamer requisitioned by Government and despatched on Feb. 9 returned on Tuesday with 4,000 tons of firewood, and that more firewood is expected.

This shipment has been distributed among numerous dealers in a widely scattered area throughout the Colony, and the retail price so fixed as to allow the sellers a satisfactory margin of profit. "I hope," said Mr. Anderson, "to be able to reduce further the price in the very near future."

Asked whether the price fixed was for dry or wet wood, Mr. Anderson replied, "Dry as imported. If the buyer is offered wet wood at the same price, or if he finds the seller giving him 'short weight', I shall be very glad if he will report the matter to me. He may rest assured that drastic action will be taken immediately."

CHARCOAL QUESTION

"In view of the steady rise in the price of charcoal—which reached \$8.88 per picul against the normal quotation of \$2.80—the Stores Controller was asked whether Government were taking action in this matter. Mr. Anderson replied that Government have the question under very serious consideration, and that the public may expect "very good news" in the near future.

Permission was then sought by the interviewer to publish the complete details of an interview on Feb. 11, during which Mr. Anderson frankly discussed his proposals to check the upward trend of firewood prices.

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Italian Somaliland Capital Taken

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—After a record breaking advance from the Juba River, Imperial troops have captured MOGADISHU, capital and chief port of Italian Somaliland.

This announcement was made in an official communique issued in Nairobi yesterday.

The capture of Mogadishu means that British forces have advanced 120 miles since Monday, when the coastal town of Brava was captured.

Mogadishu was the principal Italian base for their forces coming from Somaliland during the Italian campaign against Abyssinia.

FURTHER PROGRESS

The latest Cairo communique gives news of further progress by British forces in Africa, states a London message.

ERITREA.—Our northern columns advancing towards Keren have made satisfactory progress.

ABYSSINIA.—Patriot forces have successfully increased their penetration causing the evacuation of several Italian posts.

ITALIAN SOMALILAND.—West African troops are continuing their advance. Over 600 prisoners have been taken.

A report from Nairobi states that in the capture of Gelib, 3,000 prisoners were taken. Many of the enemy who escaped into the

HAYASHI TO FACE TRIAL

SHANGHAI, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Mr. Yukiichi Hayashi, who shot and wounded the British Chairman of the Municipal Council, Mr. W. J. Kerwick, and two other Japanese at a special ratepayers' meeting on Jan. 23, is leaving Shanghai on Feb. 28 to face trial in Japan, according to the local Japanese daily TRIRIKU SHIMPO.

Mr. Hayashi, it is reported, will be allowed to go to Osaka to visit his family grave prior to returning to Nagasaki for trial.

19 Lords In The Navy

LONDON, Feb. 26 (British Wireless).—A White Paper shows 166 members of the House of Lords and 116 of the House of Commons are serving in the forces.

Nineteen members of the House of Lords are in the Navy, 138 in the Army and nine in the R.A.F. Twelve members of the House of Commons are in the Navy, and 87 in the Army. Sir Richard Acland (Liberal Barnstaple) is serving as a private.

Seventeen M.P.s are in the R.A.F.

WITHOUT SALARY

A London message adds that Lord Halifax, Sir Samuel Hoare and Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassadors to United States, Spain and Soviet Russia, respectively, are filling their posts without salary except for expenses of representation.—(Special)

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1941.

Postponed to:—
Fourth Day—Tuesday,
25th February
Fifth Day—Saturday,
1st March

On Tuesday, 25th February, the first race will be run at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the fourth day.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th Feb., 1941.

SOCCER REVIEW

LOWLY-PLACED SAINTS CRASH INTO LIMELIGHT IN THE SENIOR SHIELD

Fine Head Work By Guy: Great Bid By Police

BY "PILAT"

The bottom team in the senior division of the Football League, ST. JOSEPH'S, crashed into the soccer limelight on Sunday when they eliminated SING TAO, one-time strong contenders for the Senior League title, from the SENIOR SHIELD COMPETITION at Causeway Bay.

The Saints, strengthened by GUY, who represented the Colony last year against Shanghai, and FLANDERS, both of 36th R.A., played an entirely new brand of soccer.

In defence what was lacking in science was more than made up for with brawn and the bustling and fast tackling methods of the Saints defenders had the Chinese forwards in despair, as many of their movements were broken up before they could be of any danger.

Sing Tao lost a great advantage in the first half during which the Saints were battling against a strong wind. Though penned in their own half of the field, the Saints, playing the third back game, defended stoutly and the Chinese attack could not make any headway against a rock-like defence.

Guy, in the pivotal berth, was always in the thick of things, breaking up many movements with fine head work and hefty clearances. LEONARD, on his left, likewise was a bundle of energy and his tight hold on the FUNG KING - CHEONG - YEUNG SHUI-YICK flank took all the sting out of the Chinese attack. With BOWEN and HUSSAIN also in peak form, SAMMY TSANG seemed to be inspired by the defenders in front of him and gave his best performance this season.

ALL TRIERS

Though not a brilliant combination the Saints forwards were all triers and were seen in many nice movements which always spelt danger for the losers, and with Sing Tao's intermediate line off colour they were seen to better advantage than previously. Leading the attack full of dash MACDONALD'S rushes had such a demoralising effect on CHEUNG WING CHOI that the latter fumbled several times, once resulting in a goal being scored.

Flanders played a good game but did not strike up a good understanding with GOMES, the main source of danger coming from the right where SANTOS and CRUZ often had MAK SHUI-HON in difficulty. Sing Tao, on the whole, gave a spirited display and appeared to be still suffering from the effects of their last two defeats. The only players who played up to form were HAU YUNG-SANG and Mak Shui-hon. The halves were weak and more often than not came off second best in their duels with the Saints forwards. The forwards as stated, were never allowed to settle down and with the complete betting up of Lai Shui-wing and Fung King-cheong, the whole line presented a sorry sight.

This victory should give St. Joseph's just the necessary incentive that they need as they are experiencing a very lean time at the moment and may yet extricate themselves from the "ruck."

A NEAR UPSET

At Boundary Street, KWONG WAH, with their previous defeat still fresh in mind, went all out against EASTERN and nearly caused an upset, losing by the odd goal in three.

The electricians showed vast improvement on the last showing and might have turned the tables on their opponents had their forwards, usually their strong department, been able to work as a unit and shown more accuracy in their shooting. On the other hand, their opposite number functioned smoothly together and though Kwong Wah's defence eclipsed all previous performances in allowing Eastern to score twice only this could not make up for the failure of the forwards.

The upcoming LEE KWOK-KEE, Kwong Wah's custodian, played a brilliant game in between the sticks and was given adequate support by the backs. CHUNG FAI-LAM and LEUNG PAK-WAI. The halves played well up to a point but were poor in their distribution.

Eastern's defence was never hard pressed throughout the afternoon and was able to lend the necessary support to the forwards. There was a fine cohesion in their front line which was lacking in among the losers and the main danger came from the left where HAU CHING-TO was in his best shooting form.

DETERMINED BID

On Saturday, at Boundary Street, POLICE made a determined bid to enter the next round but found the better balanced SOUTH CHINA eleven just that too good for them and had to admit defeat by four goals to two.

Police played as well as could be expected. Their forwards, though showing good combination, did not possess enough punch against the strong defensive play of TSANG CHUNG-WAN and LEE KWOK-WAI. The custodians of the law were strongest in defence where BLACKBURN, and CHAN KWONG-YU were equal to everything that the South China attack could put out, the former time and again robbing LEE WAI-TONG and giving him no chance to take a shot.

ROYALS BEATEN

The only military team left in the competition, ROYAL SCOTS were defeated by the NAVY at Sookunpoo by the odd goal in three. The Royals had much more of the play but the forwards could not accept the chances that came their way while Navy seized whatever scoring opportunities they had.

ROWLER IN FORM

In the only League game played over the week-end CLUB gained a useful brace of points from KOWLOON. They won by three goals to one. FOWLER claiming two. Fowler was in great form and seemed to be able to run through Kowloon's defence with the greatest of ease.

FAMED SOCCER PLAYER DEAD

Memorial Service For "Darkie" Chan

The Hongkong alumni of the National Chinese University are planning to hold a memorial service for Chan Chen-wo, of the Chinese Air Force, at the Confratius Hall, Caroline Hill Road, shortly.

Widely known in the sports world as "Darkie" Chan, Chan Chen-wo, was reported killed on Feb. 5 in a plane crash due to bad weather while flying to Lanchow, Kansu, with a squadron of five planes.

A graduate of the National Chinese University, "Darkie" Chan was formerly left wing player in the Tung Hwa team, Shanghai, and again in the soccer team of the Chinese Athletic Association, Hongkong.

PLAYED IN OLYMPICS

In 1936, he took part in the World Olympic Games in Berlin as a player in the Chinese soccer team.

Graduating from the Central Aviation Academy at Kienkiao, Hangchow, he joined the Chinese Air Force shortly before the outbreak of the present Sino-Japanese hostilities. During an air battle over Kiangyin, important fortification 80 miles east of Nanking, he exhibited daring feats and was reported killed. However, the report was later found untrue. (Central News).

FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR HOME

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter)—Football fixtures for Saturday, March 1, will be as follow:—

WAR CUP

First Round:
Swansea v. Cardiff.
Dunfermline v. Grimsby.
Leeds v. Halifax.
Middlesbrough v. Huddersfield.

SECOND ROUND.

South:
Aldershot v. Queen's P.R.
Brentford v. Chelsea.
Notts F. v. Leicester.
Southend v. West Brom.

North:
Bolton v. Preston.
Everton v. Southampton.
Hull v. Sheffield U.
Manchester C. v. Blackburn.
Newcastle v. York.
Tranmere v. West Brighton.

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Barnsley v. Sheffield W.
Blackpool v. Chester.
Bradford v. Lincoln.
Bury v. Liverpool.
Chesterfield v. Manchester U.
Oldham v. Burnley.
Rotherham v. Bradford C.

SCOTTISH CUP

First Round:
Airdrie v. Celtic.
Motherwell v. Partick.
Morton v. Hamilton.
St. Mirren v. Albion.
Rangers v. Falkirk.
Third Lanark v. Dumbarton.
Clyde v. Hibernian.
Hearts v. Queen's Park.

Both the English and Scottish Cup matches are being played on the home and away basis. The return matches will be played on March 8.

H.K.R.A. SUNDAY SHOOT

MIDDLESEX REGT. TO BE HOSTS

The Hongkong Rifle Association Sunday Shoot at Kowloon City on Sunday, March 2, will be held under the auspices of the 1st, Battn. Middlesex Regt. (D.C.O.), firing commencing at 8.45 a.m.

The following are the events and conditions of entry:—
1. (a)—Rifle-Individual. Ranges: 200 yards and 500 yards; Rounds: 1 convertible sighting shot and 10 to count; Prizes: (i) 1 Mdx. Silver Spoon to the Highest Net Aggregate in Class A, B, C and D; (ii) 1 H.K.R.A. Silver Spoon to the Highest Handicap Aggregate in Classes A, B, C and D; (iii) A Sealed envelope competition at 200 yards and 500 yards—1 Mdx. Silver Spoon to each winner.

(b)—Rifle-Team. Teams of 8 firers from any Affiliated Clubs; Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish; Net Scores to count. Entrance card \$1.00. Small Clubs may amalgamate to form a team, but all team members shall be nominated and all Team Cards must be initiated by either the Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer or Assistant Secretary before firing commences; Winning Team—8 Mdx. Silver Spoons.

(c)—Revolver. Practices—(i) 6 rds. in 6 secs. at 10 yards; (ii) 6 rds. in 15 secs. at 15 yards; Prize—1 Mdx. Silver Spoon to the Highest Net Aggregate Score.

2. All competitors are requested to remain in rear of the rope placed behind the marking boards except when actually firing.

3. Shooting will commence punctually at 8.45 a.m. and sale of tickets will cease at 9.30 a.m.

4. All firing for above competitions will be with Service Rifle "as issued" but sights may be blackened and elbow pads worn. The use of the wind gauge and/or sling is forbidden. No competitor is eligible to win more than one spoon.

ARMY SNOOKER RESULTS

The Garrison Snooker League made further progress when the following games were played on Feb. 24:—R.E. "A" 3 points, R.A. P.C. 3 points; R.E. Sgts. Mess 4 points, R.A.M.C. 2 points; Signals "A" 4 points, Signals Cpls. 2 points.

TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	7	3	1	3	23
R.E. Sgts. Mess	7	4	1	2	27
R.E. "A" Team	7	2	1	4	22
R.A. Stanley	6	2	2	4	20
C.M. Police	6	1	1	4	18
R.A.P.C.	7	1	3	3	17
Royal Signals "A"	7	2	5	—	15
Royal Signals Cpls.	7	1	4	2	15

BLARNEY STONE RUGGER

POLICE "A" ARE ELIMINATED

Further early round ties in the Blarney Stone Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament were played off on the Club ground, Happy Valley, yesterday, the big upset being the elimination of Police "A" from the Tournament by the Butterfield and Swire seven.

A dropped goal by Hutchison midway through the second half made possible the success of B. and S.

HOOK'S SIX POINTS

Two tries by Capt. Hook gave 8th Heavy Regt. "A" a win by 6 pts. to nil against Combined Small Units "A" in the first game of the evening.

8TH HEAVY REGT. "A"—L/Bdr. Richards; Sgt. Marsh, Bdr. Richards; Capt. Hook (Capt.); Gnr. Cook, L/Bdr. McDermott and Gnr. Turner.

COMBINED SMALL UNITS "A":—Pte. MacDonald; Pte. Pratt, Sgt. Hamlin, L/Cpl. Morgan; Pte. Clifton, Cpl. Chandler and Pte. Mohan.

POLICE ELIMINATED

Police "A" found it hard going against Butterfield and Swire and an even game passed through a scoreless first half before a magnificent dropped goal by Hutchison put the B. and S. ahead. Police scored a try through Wright-Nooth.

BUTTERFIELD AND SWIRE:—J. C. C. Matthews; V. G. H. Upton, J. Hutchison; L. J. Money; I. M. Macrae, R. G. Castleton (Capt.) and G. B. Godfrey.

POLICE "A"—Howlett; Reynolds, G. S. Wilson (Capt.); Wright-Nooth; Dempsey, Cullinan and Innes.

NAVY BEAT BANK

Tamar and Small Ships "A", among the hot favourites for the Shield, were given some stern opposition by Hongkong Bank, but pulled away to an easy win by six points to nil.

TAMAR AND SMALL SHIPS "A"—S/Lt. Kennedy; A/Ldg. Tel. Paul, Lt. Carter (Capt.); A/Ldg. Tel. Bowden; S. B. A. Flynn; C. P. O. Wtr. King and P. O. Wilson.

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MIDDS SURPRISE

Middlesex "B" provided a surprising finale to the evening when they beat Club "B" by a goal to a try. Sheehan went over and Burrell converted for the Mids. Lavalie scoring the Club's try.

MIDDLESEX "B":—Sheehan; Freshwater, Ferguson; Muggidge; Gilham, Burrell and A. N. Other.

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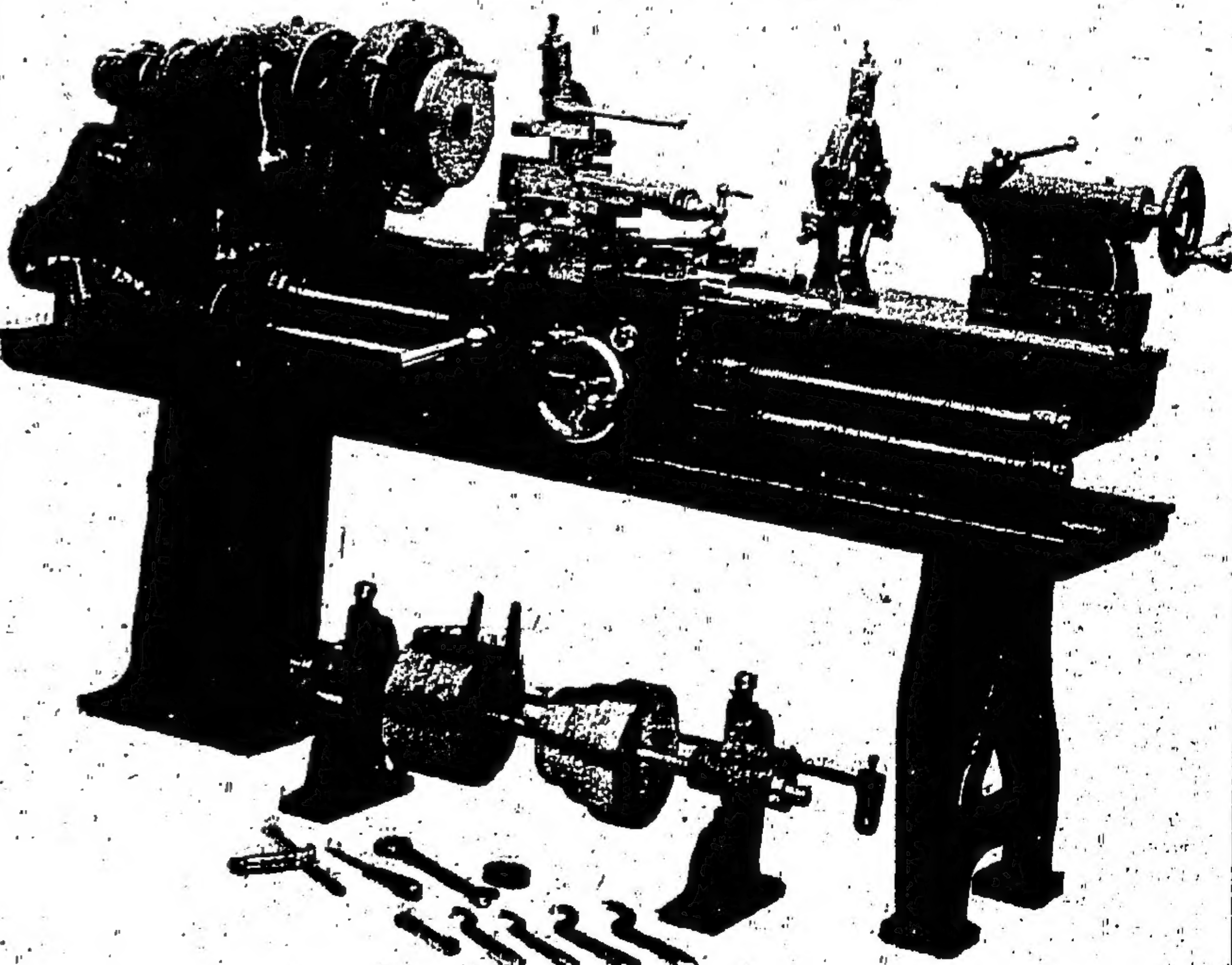
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CHESS.—Colony Chess Championship Tournament, Wells v. Carvalho, Zimmer v. Sequeira, Karповich v. Coxhead.

SNOOKER.—Garrison League, Engineers "A" v. R.A. Station Mess, R.A.P.C. v. Eng. Sgts. Mess.

R.A.M.C. v. Signals "A"

Military Police v. Signals Mess. SWIMMING.—European Y.M.C.A. Winter Swimming, Instructional Classes.

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DEFENCE COUNSEL WITHDRAWS

Mr. J. P. Murphy, assistant Crown Solicitor, applied for an adjournment until March 6 when Frank Kenneth Jacobs, R.A.M.C., was arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on two charges of rape and indecent assault on Man Mui-wai, alias Man Shui-yip, at Kowloon, on Jan. 16.

In making the application, which was granted by His Lordship, Mr. Murphy said that he was informed that Counsel briefed for the defence found himself unable to take the case. He, therefore, respectfully ask His Lordship to adjourn the case so as to bring another Counsel, defendant

SUMMARY COURT ACTION

SUCCESSFUL CLAIM FOR RENT

Judgment, with costs, was given to plaintiff by Mr. Justice E. Williams in the Summary Court yesterday in the action brought by Mrs. Bertha Pears of No. 4 Knight Road, Kowloon, Tong, claiming for rent against Miss Betty Cheng of No. 100 Waterloo Road.

Plaintiff claimed the sum of \$155 for rent due for two rooms, which defendant had taken at her house, from Nov. 15, 1940, to Jan. 14 this year.

Defendant was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva while Mrs. Pears appeared in person.

to be remanded in Military custody.

COMING EVENTS

FEB.

27—Tides: High 10.53 a.m. and 10.35 p.m. Low 4.13 a.m. and 3.34 p.m. Sunrise: 6.47 a.m.; Sunset: 6.32 p.m. H.K. Y's Men's Club Tuna Meeting.

1 p.m. H.K. Philatelic Society Meeting. S.C.M. Post, 5.15 p.m. Y's Men's Club, St. Francis Hotel.

1 p.m. Victoria Cheong Club, H.K. Hotel.

5 p.m. Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Annual Children's Sports, Southern Playground, 3 p.m.

Canton Women's Intl. Club Meeting, H.K. Women's Intl. Clubrooms, Gloucester Bldg., 3.30 p.m.

Bridge and Mahjong Social at Cheong Club.

28—Tides: High 11.17 a.m. and 11.07 p.m. Low 4.42 a.m. and 4.33 p.m. Sunrise: 6.46 a.m.; Sunset: 6.27 p.m. Kowloon Residents' Assn., Annual Meeting, St. Andrew's Hall, 6 p.m. Ladies' Working Party, (C.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m. Vocal Recital by Y. K. Sze, Peninsula Hotel, 9.15 p.m. Star Ferry Co., Ltd., Annual Meeting (Jardine, Matheson & Co. Office), 11 a.m.

Compulsory Services Tribunal, Council Chamber, 9 a.m.

Exhibition of Chinese paintings at Fung Ping Shan Chinese Library (University), 11 a.m.

MAR.

1—Tides: High 11.41 a.m. and 11.31 p.m. Low 5.12 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. Sunrise: 6.45 a.m.; Sunset: 6.27 p.m. H.K. Jockey Club's Annual Meeting, Last Day, 2 p.m.

St. David's Society Cocktail Party, H.K. Club, 6.30 p.m.

2—Tides: High 11.56 a.m. and 11.57 p.m. Low 5.39 a.m. and 5.37 p.m. Sunrise: 6.45 a.m.; Sunset: 6.27 p.m. Band Concert, Peninsula Hotel Lounge, 9 p.m.

3—Tides: High 12.16 p.m. Low 6.06 a.m. and 6.43 p.m. Sunrise: 6.44 a.m.; Sunset: 6.28 p.m. Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 3 p.m.

4—Tides: High 12.27 p.m. and 12.39 a.m. Low 6.28 a.m. and 7.37 p.m. Sunrise: 6.43 a.m.; Sunset: 6.28 p.m. Entries Close for Fanning Hunt and Race Club Meet at Kwai Tsing; Entries for Race 3 close on March 11.

5—Tides: High 1.02 p.m. and 1.35 a.m. Low 6.44 a.m. and 6.57 p.m. Sunrise: 6.42 a.m.; Sunset: 6.28 p.m.

6—Tides: High 2.05 p.m. and 2.06 a.m. Low 6.54 a.m. and 10.37 p.m. Sunrise: 6.40 a.m.; Sunset: 6.29 p.m.

7—Tides: High 4.30 p.m. and 3.14 a.m. Low 6.52 a.m. and 11.54 p.m. Sunrise: 6.40 a.m.; Sunset: 6.29 p.m. Auxiliary Nursing Service Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.

8—Tides: High 4.27 a.m. Sunrise: 6.39 a.m.; Sunset: 6.30 p.m. Annual Meeting of Bank of East Asia, Ltd., 2 p.m.

9—Tides: High 6.02 a.m. and 5.43 p.m. Low 12.46 p.m. and 11.07 a.m. Sunrise: 6.38 a.m.; Sunset: 6.30 p.m.

MONTHLY REPORT OF H.K.S.P.C.

Blind Girl Exploited As Street Beggar

At the monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hong-kong Society for the Protection of Children, it was reported that the sum of \$4,234, was collected on the Flag Day organised by the Women's Auxiliary. The Society is grateful to the public for this encouraging response.

New cases treated at the Society's centres during January were 225, involving 308 children, while the total number of cases under supervision for the same month totalled 1672.

A very successful party for poor children was held in the Majestic Theatre on Jan. 25 at which over 800 were entertained and given small gifts. The Society's Inspectors did excellent work in assisting in the organisation.

POIGNANT CASE

The poignant case of a blind girl of 13 years of age, who had been cruelly exploited as a street beggar for some months, was reported. The Committee decided to place the child in the Italian Convent where she will be cared for and receive suitable instruction.

The cases of three boys, whose fathers are dead, were also considered. The ages of the boys range from 11 to 13 years, and it was agreed that the matter should be referred to the St. Louis Industrial School for entry, if possible, into that Institution in order that the boys may be taught a trade.

APPEAL FOR SUPPORT

Many children are maintained by the Society at various homes and institutions and the need for wider public support in order that the Society's work may be extended is a very pressing one.

It was unanimously agreed that an invitation be sent to Dr. G. Graham Cumming to join the Executive Committee.

Radio Programmes

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Local Newsletter
12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 Arcady-Trio in D Minor, Op. 22.

1st Mov: Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov: Scherzo; 3rd Mov: Elegia; 4th Mov: Finale — Elgen Joyce (Piano).
Hanni Temianka (Violin) and Antoni Sala (Cello).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Betty Driver (Vocal) in a Swing Programme.

Swing Fox-Trots—King for a Day April in Paris—Artie Shaw and His New Orchestra. The Moon Remembers (film 'Let's be famous')—Betty Driver (Vocal) with Orchestra. Swing Fox-Trots—Me and You; Concerto for Cello—Duke Ellington and His Famous Orchestra. I'll Take Romance (from the film); I Love To Whistle (film 'Mad about Music') — Betty Driver (Vocal) with Orchestra. Rumba—Pa-Ran-Pan-Pan; Bolero — Los Dusan—Xavier Cugat and His Waldorf Astoria Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Antoin and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

Toyland Medley — Intro: 'Teddy Bears' Picnic; Wedding of the Painted Doll; Parade of the Tin Soldiers; with Reginald Footitt at the Organ. Shirley Temple Memories—Intro: Shirley take a bow; Polly-Wolly-Dooley; The simple things in life; Animal crackers in my soup; At the Coddish Ball; When I grow up; Curly Top; On the good ship Lollipop—with A. Bollington at the Organ.

1.55 Band Music.

Review — Pageantry (arr. Aubrey Winter) — The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. The Contempliers—March (Stanley); The Great Little Army (Alford)—Band of H.M. Royal Marines, Plymouth Division. Regimental Marches of the Royal Artillery (arr. John Cole) — The Royal Artillery Band.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 A Wagner Programme.
"Tristan and Isolde"—Full of Grace—Lauritz Melchior (Tenor) and the London Symphony Orch. Tannhauser Overture — Benno Moisewitsch (Piano). "Lohengrin"—Love Duet — Tiana Lemnitz and Torsten Ral with Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay — West Uncle Sam.

Interviews with Professor Harold & H. Falkner.

7.30 Max Miller in the Theatre.

(Recorded during an actual performance at the Holborn Empire, London).

7.50 Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye on Two Planes.

Four Hands on a Piano (Moreton and Kaye); Midnight in Mayfair (Newell Chase); Tin Pan Alley Medley No. 17—Intro: Could Be; Boogie Woogie; Taint what you do—wittling bass and drums.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 Fletcher-Sylvan Scenes Suite in Beauty's Bower—Sylvia Dances—The Pool of Narcissus—Cupid's Carnival — London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Clifford Greenwood.

8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.
8.30 'Review of Revues.'

Debroy Somers Band with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan.

8.45 Cinema Organ Music.

Finch Favourites No. 8—Intro: In the quartermaster's stores; Bluebirds in the moonlight; Good-morning; It's a lovely day tomorrow; I hear a dream; Safe in my heart — Horace Finch, the Blackpool Organist. Smash and Grab (Lensch); Temptation Rag (Lodge)—Donald Thorne at the Organ of the Granada, Clapham Junction.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay — 'Questions of the Hour.'

9.30 Concert Waltzes.

Under the Rainbow (Waldteufel); North Sea Waves (Kranz) — Orchestra Mascotte. Charles Ancliffe Waltz Medley; Archibald Joyce Waltz Medley—Vienna Waltz Orchestra. Baden Girls (Kornzak); Song, Laughter and Dance (Ziehrer)—Orchestra Mascotte.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.50 Songs by John McCormack (Tenor).

Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair (Foster); Sweetly She Sleeps, My Alice Fair (Foster); Shannon River (Egan-Morgan).

10.00 London Relay—To Talk of Many Things.

10.15 Bizet's "Carmen" Act II.

Singers in order of appearance: Aurora Bujades; Bruno Carmassi; Elio Ticozzi; Benvenuto Franchi; Irma Mion; Aristide Baracchi; Giuseppe Nesi; Aureliano Pertile and Chorus of La Scala, Milan, with the Milan Symphony Orchestra conducted by Lorenzo Molajoli.

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Transmission I—News Summary	4.00 p.m.
Full Bulletin	5.00 p.m.
Transmission V—News Summary	6.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin	7.00 p.m.
do.	9.00 p.m.
do.	12.00 mid-night

Trans. II & III—News Summary	Time
Full Bulletin	7.30 a.m.
do.	8.30 a.m.

RECORD BOOKINGS

With a record passenger list of more than 1,000 American evacuees, mostly women and children, the President liner Coolidge is scheduled to leave Shanghai for America today, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

Among the passengers are Mr. Randall Gould, retired Editor-in-Chief of the Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury, and Mrs. Gould, Mr. E.T. Nash, retired Deputy Secretary and Press Officer of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and Mrs. Nash.—(Central News).

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JAPANESE COUNTER-DRIVE IN S. HONAN BEATEN BACK

CHUNGKING, Feb. 26 (Central)—After the Chinese recapture of Paomaling, north of Changtshai, the Japanese in south Honan massed reinforcements, and made a counter-assault on Feb. 21. However, they were beaten back.

Chinese troops smashed on Feb. 21 into the Japanese positions south of Mienshan, a strategic town between the Han and Yangtze Rivers in Hupeh. Several vantage points, including Hulupai, Hsieh-jenkow, Wuchichang, and Siaschakow were recovered.

In south Hupeh about 1,000 Japanese troops at Tungshan equipped with four field pieces, pushed toward Chengshan, Huangchi-tien and Hengching, points in the neighbourhood, on Feb. 19. In the face of stiff Chinese resistance they failed to make any headway.

On Feb. 20 with the arrival of large reinforcements they forced an entry into Chengshan by the east gate and Sinssu. However before they could establish a firm foothold, the Chinese counter-attacked.

JAPANESE ROUTED

With their flanks and rear exposed to intense fire the Japanese were demoralised and beat a retreat to Tungshan and Nanlin-chiao the following morning.

Both Chengshan and Sinssu returned to Chinese control.

While fighting was going on at Tungshan, Chinese troops attacked the Japanese at Shihpissu, Tiehluhung, Weichaling, and Chingshan, points around Tung-cheng in south Hupeh.

Japanese defence works at Shihpissu were destroyed and about 200 Japanese soldiers were slain. Four Japanese army lorries in the outskirts of Tungcheng were also demolished by Chinese artillery fire.

TAMSHUI OPERATIONS

SHIUKWAN, Feb. 26 (Central)—Chinese troops repulsed the Japanese at Pomaio near Tamshui on Monday morning. In the afternoon with the aid of reinforcements the Japanese made a counter-attack. They were enticed by the Chinese to Wongsha where they were subjected to encircling attacks. They fled toward evening, abandoning many dead and arms.

Rumanian Election

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter)—General Antonescu, Premier of Rumania, announced yesterday that a general election will be held on March 2, according to a Bucharest dispatch to a German news agency.

Government & Gluttons

NEW RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter)—Britain's Food Controller, Lord Woolton, has come down with a heavy hand on people eating in hotels and restaurants where the food they get is additional to that allowed them under the national rationing.

From March, a restaurant meal may only contain one of the following dishes—fish, meat, poultry, game, eggs or cheese. No mixture of poultry and meat or poultry and bacon will be permissible.

The celebrated English "Egg and Bacon" may still go together but only one egg per meal will be permitted.

Both the caterer and customer are liable to fine or imprisonment for a breach of the new order. The order may be varied for patients in hospitals and nursing homes.

MESSERSCHMITTS TURN TAIL

SUCCESSFUL R.A.F. SWEEP OF CHANNEL

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter)—While carrying out an offensive between Calais and Dunkirk one squadron of Spitfires shot down three Messerschmitt 109s and damaged another. They saw a formation of Messerschmitts at about 6,000 feet and immediately attacked. One of the pilots reported that the enemy dispersed right away and general dog fights broke out at various heights.

Two enemy aircraft were destroyed and several others damaged during an offensive sweep over the Channel yesterday afternoon by Coastal Command aircraft escorted by fighters.

One British fighter is missing, according to the official announcement.

Shipping off the French coast was attacked.

Italian Somaliland Operations

CAIRO, Feb. 26 (Reuter)—British Imperial troops are continuing their advance south of Cubeb where, in the action of Feb. 23, 400 prisoners and three guns were captured.

A British G.H.Q. communique also reports the successful development of operations in Italian Somaliland, forward of the Juba River.

On other fronts, no change is reported.

CONVOY ATTACK RECALLED

YOUTH WINS AWARD FOR GALLANTRY

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter)—A young ship's apprentice, who suddenly found himself Second in Command aboard a oil tanker left blazing by a German raider, and who played a prominent part in navigating the ship safely to port without books, instruments, charts or compasses, has been awarded the British Empire Medal.

The apprentice, John Lewis Jones, was aboard the tanker San Demetrio which formed part of a convoy for which the auxiliary cruiser Jervis Bay sacrificed herself last November.

The tanker was hit and abandoned but after a night of heavy gale 15 members of the crew, including Jones, reboarded their ship although she was still burning furiously.

SPIRIT AND COURAGE

Jones took part in the hard fight that ensued to subdue the flames and then volunteered to enter the gas-filled pump room in order to restart the machinery.

The official account declares this young apprentice showed spirit, courage and resourcefulness throughout and proved an admirable Second in Command.

A number of the other members of the boarding party have also received awards.

DARING HOLD-UP IN HEART OF PARIS

VICHY, Feb. 26 (Reuter)—Firing in all directions in the crowded heart of Paris, bandits escaped yesterday with 1,700,000 francs after holding up three bank messengers who were taking a hand cart containing the money to the Banque de France.

The messengers were suddenly attacked by the armed bandits. One messenger was shot dead and another was wounded. Failing to open the handcart the bandits hitched it to the rear of their car and made a clean getaway.

MR. EDEN TO SEE M. SARAJOGLU

ANKARA, Feb. 26 (Reuter)—The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, will have a conference with the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu, here today while General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, will see Marshal Chakmak, Chief of the Turkish General Staff.

Mr. Eden and Gen. Sir John Dill arrived by air at Adana yesterday and left almost immediately by special train for the Turkish capital where they were due today.

HEAVY WOP LOSSES IN ALBANIAN HOSTILITIES

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter)—Italian losses in Albanian since the outbreak of hostilities total 122,000. An Italian Lieutenant Colonel recently captured, gave this figure to the newspaper. Hellenikon Mellon, reports the Daily Telegraph's special correspondent at Athens.

The total was made up, said the Colonel, of 27,000 killed, 60,000 wounded and 29,000 missing.

Italian prisoners in Greek hands total 20,000, including 551 officers, the Athens radio announced tonight.

Only 28 officers and 497 other ranks were sick or wounded when captured. They are being cared for in Greek hospitals.

CAMPS BOMBED

Italian camps and motor transport in Albania were heavily bombed by the R.A.F. on Monday, states an announcement from British Headquarters in Greece, broadcast over the Athens radio.

Camps along the Tepelini-Valona road were attacked while transport on the road from Kilsura and troops and transports at Dukaj were heavily bombed.

The R.A.F. carried out these operations without suffering any losses.

AIR LOSSES

Four Italian aircraft were brought down by Greek fighter planes and anti-aircraft guns yesterday, says a Greek Press Ministry statement broadcast from Athens last night.

Three other Italian planes were badly hit that it is thought unlikely that they regained their bases.

NO SECRET DEBATE ON LEASED BASES

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter)—

Asked in the House of Commons yesterday to accord a secret debate on the bases leased to the United States, Mr. C. R. Attlee gave an unequivocal "no," and added that Mr. Winston Churchill has no intention of acceding to such a request—the statement of which was received with cheers.

Re-Organised Vichy Govt.

PETAIN AT HEAD OF CABINET

VICHY, Feb. 26 (Reuter)—The official list of the re-organised Vichy Government was published here yesterday.

Under Marshal Petain, there are five members with the rank of Minister—Admiral Darlan, Vice-President, as well as Minister for Foreign Affairs, Interior and Marine; General Huntziger, War Minister; M. Joseph Barthélemy, Minister of Justice; M. Bouthillier, Minister of National Economy and Finance; and M. Caziot, Minister of Agriculture.

General Bergeret is Secretary for Air, acting under Admiral Darlan. Government departments have been re-grouped into 15 secretariats headed by secretaries serving under one of the above five Ministers.



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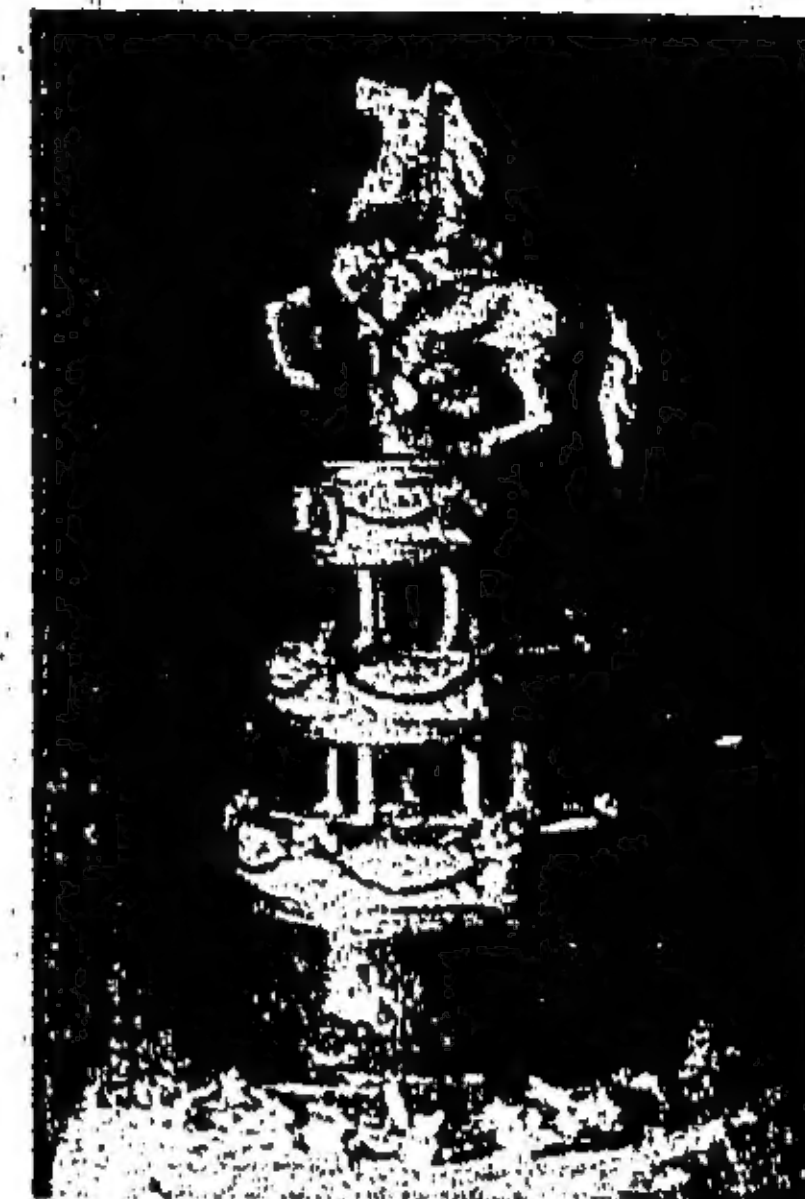
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COMPTROLLERS RECEIVED BY CHAIRMAN LIN

Led by Mr. Chen Chi-tsai, Comptroller-General of the National Government, the comptrollers, accountants and statisticians from various parts of the country who are now assembled here to attend the first National Comptrollers' Conference were received by Chairman Lin Sen at the National Government House.

In an address, Chairman Lin exhorted the comptrollers to perfect the accountancy system which he said will in turn help to strengthen the power of resistance and stabilise the basis of national reconstruction. (Central News).

COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY OF FAR EAST SITUATION BY HON. MR. J. J. PATERSON

Hongkong Bank's Profit Seven Lakhs More: Review Of Commercial Conditions

A very comprehensive survey of the Far Eastern situation, vis-a-vis the European and Sino-Japanese wars, was made by the HON. MR. J. J. PATERSON, Chairman of the Board of Directors, during the course of his speech at the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation held yesterday.

After referring to the fact that, despite the abnormal conditions ruling throughout the world, the profit for last year was seven lakhs more than that of the previous year, Mr. Paterson reviewed the financial, and commercial, conditions in both Free and occupied China.

Referring to Hongkong, the Chairman said, "I am satisfied that the new budget has been kept down to reasonable proportions considering the onerous but necessary expenditure on defence measures and the services unavoidably incurred through the influx of Chinese."

"But," went on Mr. Paterson, "we must continually remember that Hongkong is very susceptible to outside influences such as the situation vis-a-vis China, Japan, Indo-China, the shortage of tonnage, movements of population and so on."

"It is therefore of importance that fresh commitments should be scrutinised with great care and that economy should be the watchword on all sides."

Referring to Japan, the Chairman said that "recent regulations issued there seem to be designed to restrict or to drive foreign banks out of business altogether in the same way as banks in Manchuria have already been restricted and in some cases driven out."

The Chairman's speech was as follows:

Ladies & Gentlemen,
I regret to have to record the death since our last Annual Meeting of Mr. A. C. Hynes, who was Chief Manager from 1927 to 1930, and of Mr. E. J. Davies less than two weeks ago. Mr. Davies was well known to many of you here and his death while still Joint Manager in London causes a real loss to the Bank.

The Report and Statement of Accounts having been in your hands for some days I will, with your permission, take them as read.

After making full provision for losses and contingencies, the net profits for the year amount to \$13,999,866.99, an increase of about \$7 lacs compared with the previous year.

After deducting the interim dividend paid at 1/2/7/8 and Directors' remuneration and including \$3,411,329.55 brought forward from last year, there remains for distribution \$10,876,745.77 which it is proposed to deal with as follows:—

To pay final dividend of £210/- per share subject to deduction of Income Tax \$ 6,453,781.51
Transfer to Bank
Premises Account \$ 1,000,000.00
Carry forward to New Account \$ 3,422,964.26
\$10,876,745.77

While there is no very great change in the total of our balance sheet, there are quite considerable changes in the individual items on either side.

On the liabilities side there is a substantial increase of \$72 millions in Current Account Balances which is largely offset by decreases of \$32 millions in Fixed Deposits and \$24 millions in Bills Payable.

HOLDINGS INCREASED
On the other side holdings of Cash and Bills have increased by \$32 millions and \$52 millions respectively, against which Securities and Loans show declines of \$30 millions and \$36 millions respectively brought about by the necessity of keeping a liquid position owing to the war and the many pitfalls in finance which war brings in its train.

By the proposal to write down our Premises Account by a further one million dollars, that account will be brought to the lowest figure shown since our Balance Sheet of 1922. We feel this is a wise precaution seeing that a considerable amount of our property is in danger zones.

During the year changes have occurred in Europe which no-one could possibly have foreseen. There was the invasion of Den-

mark and Norway in April, followed by the invasion of Belgium and the Netherlands in May; the evacuation of Dunkirk; the Italian entry into the war; the collapse of France; the vandalism of the bombings of England; the Italian invasion of Greece; the latter's magnificent counter-attack and recently our own armies' brilliant exploits in North Africa which have had a most heartening effect in the East. Such are the highlights of events unparalleled in our times which bring home to us as nothing else can how precarious a world this is.

Our London office is carrying on unscathed in the direct line of the war and the fall of France of course meant the withdrawal of the British members of our staff at Lyons; otherwise our branch offices have not been affected. Here in Hongkong, in Shanghai and in Singapore, where our three main offices are situated, results have been satisfactory in spite of abnormal conditions, and in other countries our branches have not met any serious complications until recently in Japan, as I will mention later on.

COURSE FORETOLD

Developments in the Far East have followed the course which careful observers expected and foretold two or three years ago. They perceived that the trend of events would bring increasingly serious obstacles to trade. But optimists can rightly claim that trade has not in fact proved so bad as recent political developments seemed to foreshadow. Both the pessimist and the optimist can claim to be right. If you look back at some of your former Chairman's Speeches you will be surprised how often there have been gloomy stories about "unprecedented difficulties", "adverse circumstances", "abnormal conditions", "uncertain outlook" and so on. Yet if you, as a man of some years' experience in the East, yourself think back and recall the many turbulent periods of the last two or three decades, and then look at ports like Hongkong and Shanghai and their trade and shipping returns, you will realise that the upward curve of progress has shown a continual advance. Dictators and others with perverted ideas may slow the movement down, but on the disappearance of them and their like the rate of advance will again at once accelerate to make up for lost time.

No-one would however be so bold as to claim that the graph of prosperity is at this particular moment pointing upwards at Shanghai or Hongkong. The foreign trade figures for China in 1940 are at first sight amazing, even allowing for inflated war-time prices of goods and for exchange depreciation. But for many reasons, some of which were mentioned here last year, it is almost impossible to make a reliable estimate of the real value of China's trade in terms of gold or sterling currencies. Smuggling, exchange and trade controls, unrecorded imports and exports (which must have reached big proportions), variations in the methods of valuing goods, the employment of special exchange rates linking imports to exports and so on, all affect the issue. One even finds considerable difficulty in dealing with a single port like Shanghai: some of the anomalies disappear but other complications arise.

One unhealthy feature stands out clearly. Shanghai last year imported from abroad large quantities of native products which the hinterland can normally provide. For example, not only in value but also in quantities the imports to that port of rice, cotton, coal, tobacco, sugar, flour and artificial silk in 1940 were all higher than in 1936, the last normal year. In that year cotton, cereals, tobacco and coal accounted for only 13% of import value. In 1940 they

REGISTRY WEDDING

The marriage took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday, with Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiating, of Mr. Yeung Tai, merchant, of No. 384, Queen's Road West, and Miss Loo Lai-yung, of No. 38, Cochrane Street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—

Mr. Cheng Ip-yung, foreman, Central Theatre, and Miss Fung Lai-ping, of No. 369 Queen's Road West;

Mr. Cheung Hon-leung, merchant, of No. 7 Staunton Street, and Miss Chan Wal-town, of No. 10 Staunton Street;

Mr. Louie Park-lam, student, of No. 144 Lai-chikok Road, and Miss Anne Chin Mak-yut, of No. 122 Fuk Wing Street;

Mr. Tsol Tat-fong, censor, of No. 20 Yuk San Street, and Miss On Woon-pik, of No. 35 Caine Road;

Mr. Shu Kit-wah, merchant, of No. 151 Gloucester Road, and Miss Ko Wal-tong, of No. 13 Tik Lung Lane.

accounted for over 51%. Meanwhile the export position is clouded over by monopolies, controls and extraneous influences which naturally have a serious effect on the balance of trade and on currency exchange.

LOANS TO CHINA

In view of their bearing on exchange and trade balances, I should here mention the various credits and loans which China has received during the year from foreign sources. Detailed particulars have not been made public, but you must be aware that such loans were made chiefly for political reasons. The published announcement dealing with the most recent of the United States loans showed that the donors were desirous that "arrangements for purposes of monetary protection and management" (the words actually used) should be completed. That is satisfactory so far as it goes but that is all the information which is at present available.

The Shanghai Foreign Exchange Market in 1940 fluctuated between a high mark of 429/32 pence and 51/16 U.S. cents, which points were touched in January, and a low mark of 3 pence and 43/32 U.S. cents in May. The year ended with rates about 3 1/2 pence and 51/2 U.S. cents. The Stabilization Fund continued to carry out its stabilizing operations as necessary and, considering that the proceeds of exports are being largely monopolised both by the authorities in the occupied and unoccupied parts of China, it is remarkable that the value of the Chinese currency has been maintained with so little difficulty.

The establishment of the new Central Reserve Bank in Nanking on January 6th 1941 and in Shanghai on January 20th had little serious effect on the Shanghai Exchange Market, but it cannot be gainsaid that the establishment of this Bank, coupled with the existing currency situation in North China, has made for uneasiness since it is feared that further measures may follow. All the leading banking interests in the Far East lay stress on the importance of the continuation of the existing free market at Shanghai. Any rash action, precipitating its closure or tending to its restriction, whether from Chungking or Nanking, might result in unfortunate reactions not only in Shanghai itself but also in China generally.

TOO EFFUSIVELY

The record Revenue collection of the Chinese Maritime Customs has been welcomed perhaps too effusively by those who have not studied the situation sufficiently carefully. Although a record in terms of Chinese dollars, the figure of 475 millions represents only about seven and three quarter million pounds at the average rate of the year, whereas the previous year's collection of 331 millions was equivalent to about eight and a quarter million pounds, and the average value in Sterling over the ten years prior to the Sino-Japanese conflict was no less than 19 million pounds.

Moreover, owing to the continuance of the Sino-Japanese conflict, the position of the foreign loans has in no way improved in the past year. Quotas in Chinese dollars are still set aside by the

G.S.M. ESTALL TAKING UP COMMISSION

LEAVING SOON FOR HOME

Garrison Sergeant Major C. M. Estall, M.C., one of the most popular figures in the military service here, will be leaving the Colony shortly to take up a commission at Home.

Joining the Army in August, 1914, G.S.M. Estall has had a long and proud service, being with the East Surrey Regiment throughout the Great War with whom he fought at the Somme.

He was wounded three times in action and gassed twice. In 1917, he was awarded the Military Cross in recognition of his distinguished service, and holds also the 1914-15 Star, the General Service, Victory, Long Service, Jubilee and Coronation medals.

WAS IN RUSSIA

Before seeing his first service in the Colony 18 years ago, G.S.M. Estall was with the East Surreys in Russia. In 1926 he left with the Regiment for India and was appointed Regimental Sergeant Major in 1930.

In 1937 he was appointed Garrison Sergeant Major in Hongkong. A farewell presentation in his honour was given last Tuesday evening at the Police Recreation Club. The programme of entertainment included a concert and an exhibition of all-in wrestling.

G. S. M. Estall will leave a brother in the Colony, Mr. A. F. Estall, who is a Detective Sergeant attached to the Water Police Station.

NEW RACKET REVEALED

STEAMER-TO-SHORE CONVEYANCE

That passengers were in danger of being robbed when travelling from a steamer to shore on board a junk was revealed before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when Wong Yuk-kun was charged with demanding money with menaces and aiding and abetting.

Det. Sgt. A. Bethell, prosecuting, said that a seaman, Tuen Kwai, arrived in the Colony on board a Holland steamer on Jan. 4. As he was waiting on the deck, two boatmen approached him and agreed to take him to shore for \$2. When the junk started to sail six persons boarded the junk.

Mid-way complainant was asked to pay his fare which he did. After paying \$2 the boatmen said that it was not enough since they had paid several tens of dollars for complainant so as to prevent his luggage from being searched.

REFUSED TO PAY

Complainant refused to pay and he was assaulted. They took out his wallet and robbed the contents of \$2 and 10s. Tuen was taken to Mongkok where the boatmen hired a small sampans to take complainant ashore. As the numbers of the junk were covered up complainant failed to identify the junk.

Acting on information the Police sailed to a Holland steamer anchored in the Victoria Harbour on Feb. 22. A junk was pointed out to them and eight people on board were arrested.

In an identification parade, complainant pointed defendant as one of the persons who assaulted him.

Convicted on the second charge, defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour and to be expelled from the Colony.

GAOL AND CANE FOR ROBBER

Found guilty by a jury comprising Messrs. E. G. Price (Foreman), Johnson Lee, Chan Shu, Siu Ho-ming, A. F. Baptista, Ng Pak-ming and Peter Cheung, on a charge of robbery by two or more, Mok Chung, 28, was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour by Mr. Justice Williams at the Criminal Sessions yesterday. Mok was also ordered to receive ten strokes of the cane.

Mr. J. Reynolds' Crown Counsel, said that after relieving a woman, Ip Hung, of \$3, keys a whistle, a

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Malayan Restrictions On Women And Children

A Colonial Secretariat communiqué issued yesterday states that having regard to the fact that European children over ten years of age do not normally reside in Malaya and should not be allowed to enter, new instructions were issued on Jan. 18 providing that in the future European women and children will not be permitted to enter from the United Kingdom unless possessing exit permits valid for Malaya, or from other countries unless possessing written or telegraphic authority of the Immigration Officer, Singapore. Permits will be issued only.

(a)—to European women who are normally resident in the Colony, Labuan, Malay States, Brunei, Sarawak or British North Borneo, or who are the wives of persons normally residents of these places; and (b)—to children under the age of ten who are children of persons normally resident in the Colony, Labuan, Malay States, Brunei, Sarawak or British North Borneo.

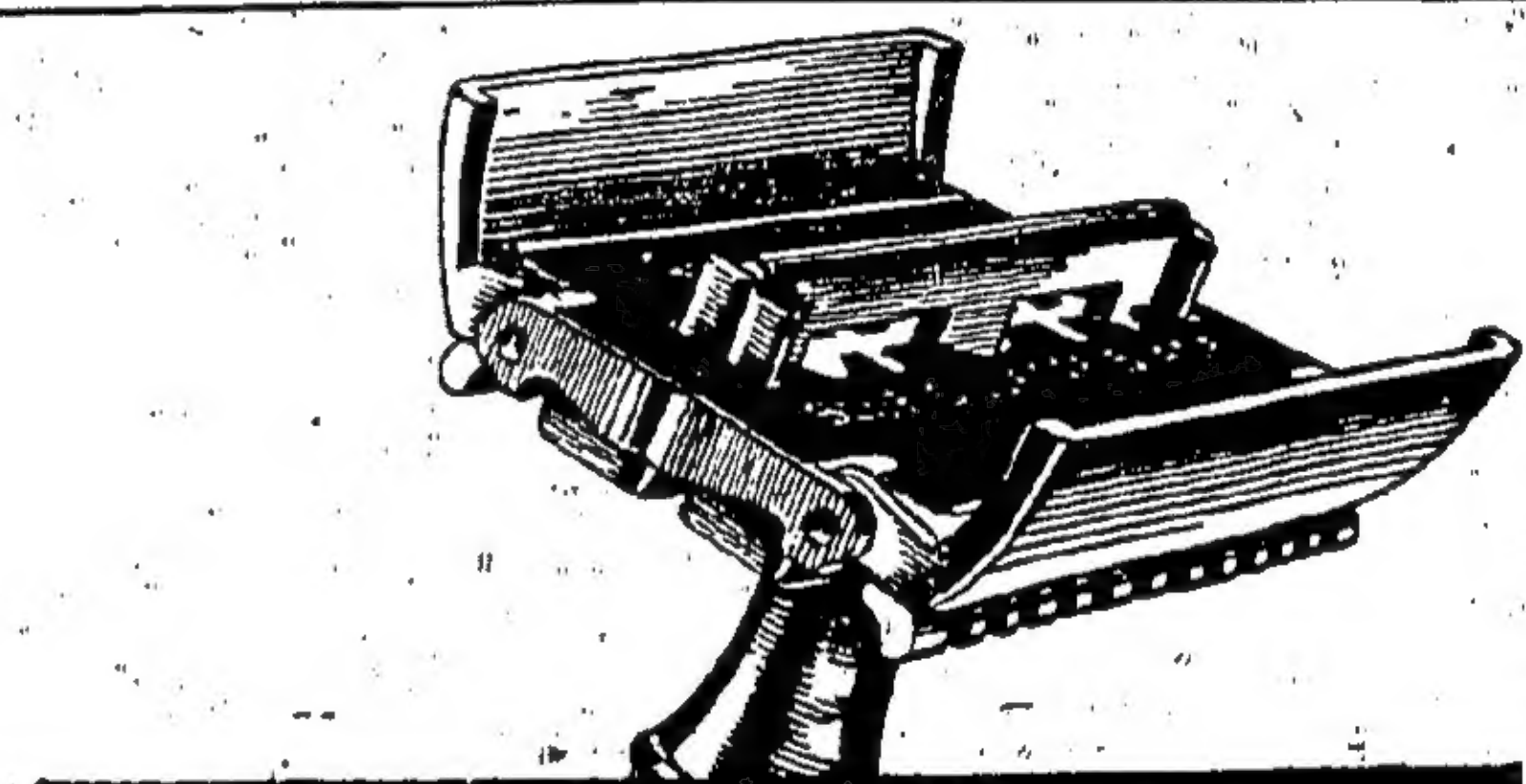
The ban does not apply to through or transit passengers (with a maximum of 14 days) or to children of residents in Thailand or the Netherlands East Indies previously entered as pupils in Malayan schools.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams from Shanghai awaiting claimants at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—Ku Yi-kien, 515, Kowloon Hotel; Tai Hung-to, s/s "Tai Sang," c/o Yuen Wo Rice Firm, West Point; Madam Wong, 5, Carnarvon Road, Kowloon; Pau, 509, Luk Kwok Hotel.

gold finger ring and a shawl, four men ran away. A bricklayer, Au Aung followed one man from Sai Yee Street into a lane. When arrested he had in his possession \$5 and a whistle.

Defendant denied that he had anything to do with the robbery.



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The Final Dividend declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1940, at the rate of Two Pounds Ten Shillings Sterling at exchange 1/2.7/8 is payable on and after the 26th February, 1941, at the Offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1941.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG CRICKET
CLUB.TENNIS TOURNAMENT
1941.

Entries close on SATURDAY,
1st March, 1941 at 6 p.m.

THE ANGLO-CHINESE
GENERAL TRADERS
CORPORATION.

NOTICE

We regret to announce that on instructions from the Immigration Officer, we have suspended operation as recognised agents for the Immigration Officer.

As regards outstanding questions regarding immigration papers, applications for immigration certificates, etc. etc. those concerned are hereby notified to communicate with Mr. Martin T. Y. Tsang on or before March 5, 1941.

We take this opportunity to thank all those who have in the past entrusted us with their confidence and the valuable support they have rendered.

ANGLO-CHINESE GENERAL TRADERS CORPORATION,
159, Des Voeux Road,
Central, 1st., Floor.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC
CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on Thursday, 20th March, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON
& CO., LTD.
Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

THE BANK OF EAST
ASIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 8th March, 1941, at 2.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 1st March, 1941 to Saturday, 8th March, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 20th February, 1941.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC
CO., LTD.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March, 1941:—

1. For Lighting from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit.
2. For Power & Heating from 5 cents to 5½ cents per unit.
3. The discount of 10% on Power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month will be discontinued.

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HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 27, 1941.

NAZIS ARE KEPT
GUESSING

WHAT DOES the recently concluded non-aggression pact signed between Bulgaria and Turkey really signify? This question appears to have been agitating the minds of political observers for the past few days and even now a correct interpretation of this new diplomatic move is keeping people guessing—particularly the Nazis, because, despite the fact that they have been making known their intentions of striking in the Balkans, it is not easy to understand what grounds the Axis has for hailing the pact as a triumph for German diplomacy. Fundamentally, it binds Turkey and Bulgaria to help each other if attacked and has thus made it necessary for the Nazis to accomplish their "subjugation of Bulgaria without any resort to force. This probably resulted in the halt in Herr Hitler's plans to occupy Bulgaria earlier this week and the intensification of his war of nerves against the Bulgarian Government to get their passive acquiescence to his demands for the passage of German troops through the country. Herr Hitler now seems well on his way to succeed in this diplomatic offensive, but it does not mean that he has in any way been able to neutralise Turkish resistance if, as is obvious, he intends to use Bulgarian territory as a base from which he can attack Greece, with whom Turkey has a military alliance.

A CONFLICT with Turkey would appear to be inevitable and Herr Hitler's plan to compel the Greeks to make peace with the Italians by threatening them with attack through Bulgaria cannot succeed, as Greece, with the backing of Turkey and Great Britain, is hardly likely to fall before the Nazi bluster while this further assistance to them is certain. The triumph which the Nazis declare they have secured

JOSTLING
CROWDS
AT G.P.O.

The Post Office Building was the scene of jostling crowds throughout yesterday when hundreds of people at a time attempted to push through to the various counters where the new Centenary stamps were being sold.

Throughout the day, several thousand people must have purchased sets of the new issue, though no official figures could be available due to pressure of work in connexion with the sale, it was explained to a Daily Press reporter.

Police officers and constables were called out to restore order at various periods, shouldering the long lines of purchasers into queues to await their turn. The counters for Registered mail were also flooded with people registering covers to be sent to their home and office addresses with the "first day" chop on the envelope.

here, therefore, seems more ephemeral than material and what they must now be puzzling over is the significant coincidence that, at the moment that the Turkish and Bulgarian Governments were coming to an agreement, the British and Turkish General Staffs were conferring on matters relating to military co-operation in the event of hostilities spreading to that area. Apart from this, the Nazis must be trying to find an explanation for the sudden visit to Cairo of the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and the Chief of the Imperial General Staff. Altogether, therefore, the situation in the Balkans can hardly be described as developing to the Axis advantage, but, at the same time, it is idle to indulge in speculation as to what plans Britain and her allies are taking to meet an emergency as indicated by Mr. Eden's mission and the military talks in Ankara. The events of the next few days will bring a conclusive answer to this question.

WHAT DOES appear certain from all that has emerged from the Balkan cauldron so far is that Bulgaria is on the point of a diplomatic defeat at the hands of the Nazis. It is impossible at present to account for this strange attitude of a nation which, while showing signs of intense dislike for Nazi methods, is prepared to submit to demands which take away from the Government and the people their national existence. Indeed, there was every reason for Bulgaria to have adopted a stiff resistance, if her Government had taken a correct estimate of the steady superiority which Britain and her allies have been securing in the Mediterranean zone. There may, of course, be several reasons for this contradictory policy. One that has gained currency is that the weakness displayed by Russia towards the situation in the Balkans, where she has unmistakable interests, acted like a cold douche on any enthusiasm to resist Nazi penetration, as the Balkan States felt that they had been forsaken by a powerful ally who could have helped them to ward off disaster. Another explanation—and the more plausible one—is that the work of Herr Hitler's Fifth Columnists was mainly responsible for the volte face and that Axis propaganda found fruitful ground amongst the restless peoples of South-Eastern Europe. How long Herr Hitler will be able to retain his hold on these states is left to be seen, but it is doubtful even now that they can do anything to materially assist him in winning the war.

URBAN COUNCIL
MEETINGNightsoil Control
Discussed

"I agree with health authorities throughout the world that nightsoil out of control is a grave danger and exposes both the local community and visitors using the port to an unjustified and unjustifiable risk."

"Even in the smaller townships of British territories in Africa—places which many of you might regard as 'out in the blue'—this danger is realised and nightsoil collection and disposal is carried out by Government, and if it is in Africa where there is no cholera how much more dangerous is an uncontrolled conservancy system in Hongkong?"

The above passages were contained in a speech by Dr. N. C. MacLeod, Deputy Director of Health Services, at the fortnightly meeting of the Urban Council yesterday when he proposed that this Council confirm its resolution of Oct. 8, 1940, and request Government to approve of the inauguration of a departmental system for the collection of nightsoil without further delay."

APPLICATIONS. REFUSED

Prior to the proposal made by Dr. MacLeod, the Council refused applications for an eating house licence for No. 4, D'Aguiar Street, ground floor; for addition of Lots Nos. 5730, 5721, an 5720 and for the additional business of 'pre-serv' licence for No. 171, Sheung Sha-po; for a food preserving licence for the premises on K. N. L. No. 57, Thistle Street; for permission to use the basements at Nos. 114 and 116, Austin Road as a workshop and for human habitation.

Dr. MacLeod then put his proposal before the Council. After Dr. MacLeod's speech, the Chairman held that as the necessary four days' notice had not been given by the speaker, he (the Chairman) had to put it to the meeting whether the subject matter was of sufficient urgency to warrant the waiving of the notice.

The Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong proposed that the motion be held in abeyance, although he was not against it.

On the motion being put to the meeting, after it had been seconded by Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, it was carried by six votes, Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong and Mr. Tang Shiu-kin refraining from voting.

LICENCES GRANTED

Licences granted by the Urban Council between Feb. 11 and 25, inclusive, were: Food factories, 2; food shops, 1; eating houses, 2; and permission to erect Neon signs, 1.

Those present at the meeting were Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrle (Chairman), Dr. N. C. MacLeod (D. D. H. S.), Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr. G. G. Perdue, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. C. J. Roe (Secretary), and Mr. Im Ping-tseung (Asst. Secretary).

The A.D.C. has in preparation A.A. Milne's comedy "Sarah Simple" for production at the China Fleet Club Theatre on the nights of March 19, 20, 21, 22. Booking will be at the Anderson Music Company.

Urges Overseas Chinese To
Abstain From Gambling

An appeal to overseas Chinese to abstain from smoking, wine-drinking and gambling, and save the money for useful purposes was made by Mr. Aw Boon-haw, noted Chinese industrialist from Singapore now visiting in Chungking, in a radio speech at the Chungking Broadcasting Station.

Mr. Aw declared that much could be done for the country if every overseas Chinese would smoke even one cigarette less and conserve his energy which he otherwise use in gambling.

Giving his impressions of Chungking, Mr. Aw said that he was glad to see Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in good health and high spirits, all government officials working indefatigably and the civilians undaunted by repeated Japanese aerial bombings.

"Japanese bombs," Mr. Aw remarked, "can inflict material damage, but cannot break the Chinese will to resist."

Mr. Aw expressed confidence in China's ultimate victory in this war, pointing to Japan's increasing internal and external difficulties. Internally Japan's war-weary

MR. VERNON BARTLETT ON

HITLER'S WAR OF NERVES:
BALKAN AND FAR EAST
DEVELOPMENTS

"The visit of Mr. Anthony Eden and the Chief of the Imperial General Staff to the Middle East is keeping the Nazis guessing. Every Nazi leader must be wondering what these two men are up to and the more they wonder the better," said MR. VERNON BARTLETT, M.P., well-known authority on international affairs, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the latest developments in the BALKANS AND THE FAR EAST.

"This should encourage the other Governments in the Balkans to choose between surrender to the Nazis and offering practical resistance, which would entail great suffering for the time being, but the successful outcome of which becomes more and more possible."

HITLER'S SUCCESSES

Mr. Bartlett opened his talk with a brief reference to Herr Hitler's previous successes in Europe. Ten countries, he said, had been brought under Nazi control and only in five of them was any fighting necessary and even then the casualties to the Germans was insignificant, despite the terrible destruction that had been wrought. In other words, Herr Hitler had taken practically everything in Western Europe without firing a shot.

"Herr Hitler has explained in his 'Mein Kampf' how one man can undermine the power to resist," went on Mr. Bartlett, "and this war of nerves is being carried on at this moment. The defeat of Bulgaria in the same way is a matter taken for granted. The next victims will be Yugoslavia and Turkey."

"How many times last year have we been told in some mysterious way that the invasion of England was about to begin. This even caused some people on the south coast to make preparations to leave in a hurry. Now, in the same way we see many hints being put out of a coming attack on the Balkans. And so it is that all power of resistance in Sofia has disappeared."

"Time after time these invasion talks have been traced to people who have some dealings with the German Embassy or Legation. Someone in Belgrade hears, for instance, that the German army will move on such and such a date. This news comes to London and goes back as a report of what the people in London or New York are saying."

SECRET VISIT

Referring to Mr. Eden's visit to the Middle East, Mr. Bartlett emphasised that Mr. Eden's journey was undertaken after the Bulgarian-Turkish pact was signed, but it was not a hurried attempt to prevent the collapse of British policy in the Middle East. Mr. Bartlett said that the visit had been made in great secrecy and that Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs had a rather difficult time explaining to the Japanese Ambassador, who had an important message to be delivered personally to Mr. Eden from his foreign minister, that Mr. Eden was not visible, without telling him that the British Foreign Secretary was not in England.

WORST CONSTRUCTION

"Let us put the worst possible construction on that situation in

Bulgaria," continued Mr. Bartlett. "They amount to this. When the military occupation of Bulgaria is complete, the Nazis will push on down to Salonika; Yugoslavia will probably allow other German troops to pass through her territory and then Greece will be in an impossible position and will have to surrender, although they have pushed the Italian armies so far back into Albania."

"Then there is the construction that the British will find this a check to their operations and that Turkey will stay put behind her own frontiers. That is how the Nazis think things will happen."

"Resistance to the Nazis, however, has lasted so long that the British have even been able to free Egypt and the communications to the Red Sea. The Greeks themselves have done more to destroy the legend of Fascist invincibility and Britain, as a result of Signor Mussolini's aggression, have a valuable base on the island of Crete, from which they should be able to make life unpleasant for the Germans in Salonika."

GREEK RESOLVE

"It was Greek resistance that enabled the British to take the initiative in this war. It enabled them to upset Herr Hitler's plans and to take the initiative in Africa. In any case, the Greeks have shown no loss of courage or confidence and quite recently they and the Turks had talks with the British."

"The political effect of the German capture of Salonika would be very great, but strategically it might be a considerable advantage to us. That is why quite a lot of people hold the view that there is a great element of bluff in the German intentions towards Bulgaria. Think of it from that point of view."

"General Wavell has now a considerable number of troops available for his campaign and if these troops have not been sent to Greece it is because there may be good reasons for it. In any case, Herr Hitler shows an unwillingness to strike until he sees some advantage."

"The capture of Salonika will be an advantage to him only if he wants to go through Turkey to the Middle East or to gain control of the Eastern Mediterranean. It will do neither. Turkey has stated that her Government does not want its army to fight outside the country. The effect on Turkey of a German capture of Salonika will be to increase the realisation of the Turks of the threats to them and should increase also their determination to resist."

THE FAR EAST

Mr. Bartlett then turned to developments in the Far East, and said that what had encouraged the British most was the stiffened attitude of the United States. Neither Britain nor the United States would accept the protest put forward by Japan a few days ago that the sending of reinforcements to Singapore was a belligerent act.

Referring to the unexpected situation created by Vichy's resistance to Japan's demands for bases in Indo-China, Mr. Bartlett asked what would happen if Japan renewed her demands. Would the French be forced to accept them or would they continue to resist? What would be the result of such resistance?

"I don't pretend to know the answer to these questions," said Mr. Bartlett, "but I cannot help wondering whether a split will become apparent in the Far East."

GEN. WU TE-CHEN
FOR CHUNGKING

General Wu Te-chen, minister of Overseas Affairs, and General Chen Ching-fun of the Chinese Air Force, left here for Chungking by plane early yesterday morning. Mr. B. S. Fong, prominent Chinese of San Francisco and member of the People's Political Council who arrived in Hongkong last Saturday, also left for the wartime capital by the same plane to attend the forthcoming session of the Council.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Kau Pui Shek, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4302, Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4297, King Street, and Kau Pui Shek.	11 ft. 6 in. by 11 ft. 6 in.	135	36	2,307
		As per sale plan.	About 3,155	36	2,307

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$237 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

THE "STAR" FERRY
COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 12th February, 1941.

MARSHAL GRAZIANI IS PRISONER IN ROME

Foretold Libyan Campaign As It Came To Pass

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—MARSHAL GRAZIANI is a prisoner in Rome, according to the DAILY TELEGRAPH'S Lisbon correspondent who states the news came from a diplomatic source in Rome. Since January, he has been under house arrest with his presence in the capital a close secret.

After the fall of Bardia on Jan. 5, Graziani flew to Rome to attend a meeting of the Supreme War Council presided by the Duce.

JAPAN WILL PRESS HOME

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TOKYO, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Mr. Churchill's interview on Monday with Mr. Shigemitsu, the Japanese Ambassador in London, is referred to in somewhat conciliatory terms by the influential newspaper, ASAHI SHIMBUN, in a leading article this morning.

It says the interview is not "meaningless" if it served even a little to dispel unnecessary irritations, misunderstandings and suspicion between the two countries, but it is doubtful to what extent understanding has been achieved.

The newspaper proceeds to accuse Britain of "banding together with the United States in anti-Japanese manoeuvres" and declares: "British and Americans, by strengthening their defences in order to combat Japan's economic southward policies, may soon reach a stage of unbearable pressure which may make a Pacific crisis unavoidable."

CHINESE MESSAGE TO CHURCHILL

SHANGHAI, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—A message, is to be sent to Mr. Churchill expressing the admiration of the Chinese people for his leadership and voicing hopes of final victory, says the Chinese-American Daily News, Chinese-Language Daily here.

Hundreds of Chinese sympathisers to the British cause are responding to the newspaper's appeal for signatures to the message, which states: "The Chinese people, under the national leadership of General Chiang Kai-shek, will not lay down arms until they have beaten Japan to her knees."

Compensation For Air Raid Damage

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Every householder in Britain will receive free compensation from the Government up to £200 for air raid damage to clothing, furniture and other household goods under the new Government Free Assurance Scheme, outlined by Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Up to another £100 free compensation will be paid for the wife and £25 for each child.

In addition to these free grants, it is proposed that people should be able to insure at rates, namely one per cent. up to £2,000; one and a half per cent. from £2,000 to £3,000; and two per cent. from

COURAGE—& WHAT IT MEANS: FILM STAR'S TRIBUTE TO BRITISH PEOPLE

"That extraordinary thing known as the morale of the British people has not got so much as a dent on it for all the thousands of tons of bombs dropped on it. The morale of the British people is Herr Hitler's main objective. So he continues to pour, night after night, these bombs on the people and that remarkable man—the Britisher—pops out in the morning and asks for more. It is a magnificent story of steady courage and unswerving faith."

This was part of the eloquent tribute which MR. ROBERT DONAT, the well-known stage and screen star, paid to British courage when he broadcast from London yesterday the second of his talks in the series "From the Old Country."

NEED FOR COURAGE

Mr. Donat said that in his talk last week he had mentioned the question of courage when he said that the people of Britain would need all their physical endurance, all their spiritual strength—in a word, that they would need all their courage to achieve what they had set out to secure.

"There is no doubt," said Mr. Donat, "that physical endurance and spiritual courage, which is another way of saying courage, would be needed and probably to the utmost."

Mr. Donat referred to a broadcast which he had made last October, in which he had said more on the subject. In that particular broadcast he had said that because the blitz had failed in its objective of crushing the spirit of the people and forcing them to beg for a peace at any price, it should not be thought that aerial warfare was not such a terrible thing and that, taking the broad view, modern warfare was a failure.

NOT EASY TO BEAR

"I went on to say," continued Mr. Donat, "that no one could make a greater mistake. It is not easy to bear, but the great point is that it is being borne and, in some cases, being continually borne—and that, I think, calls for courage, great courage."

Mr. Donat referred to a paragraph he has seen in a newspaper in Manchester in which the suggestion had been made that Field-Marshal Goering would have to think of something new to break the British courage. That must have been rather discouraging to Field-Marshal Goering.

Mr. Donat mentioned a remark which had been made to him by Lord Castlerock who had likened what was happening in England to a game of football which, according to the German rules, the British had already lost. Lord Castlerock declared that this did not make sense.

"Lord Castlerock was right," said Mr. Donat. "It does not make sense, but it makes courage and will make sense in the end."

BATTLE FOR HUMANITY

After paying the tribute, given at the beginning of this article, Mr. Donat said: "That is the story of the common people in this Island. They are all soldiers in the battle for humanity."

The speaker went on to give three stories of courage of men who, in the words of Marshal Foch, have nature which alone turn out great men.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL

The first story concerns Mr. Winston Churchill and his historic words to the House of Commons when the British troops at Dunkirk found the beaches and waited for anything that could happen.

"Think of the gigantic weight of responsibility which pressed down on the shoulders of our Prime Minister and listen to his words," said Mr. Donat, who then quoted what Mr. Churchill had said on that occasion:

"Whatever our feelings may be of the facts so far as they are known to us, we must remember that the sense of brotherhood between the many peoples who were fallen under the power of the aggressor will play its part in the better days than those through which we are passing now. Meanwhile the House should prepare itself for heavy tidings. But nothing that can happen in this battle will deter us from our duties for a world cause, nor will it destroy our power through disaster to the ultimate defeat of our enemies."

"Let us not forget, the hour and the man who made that speech," said Mr. Donat. "That was courage."

GENERAL METAXAS

The speaker's next reference was to the decision which General Metaxas made at three o'clock in the morning on Oct. 28, 1940, when he received the Italian ultimatum. General Metaxas had faced the Italian minister at that hour in the morning and, thinking only of his country, he had said, "This is not an ultimatum. This is a declaration of war. I accept it."

"Once again I ask you to remember the hour and the man," said Mr. Donat.

The speaker's final reference on this subject of courage went back to the Battle of the Marne of September, 1914. He recalled how, when the Germans were only a few miles from Paris, Marshal Joffre had issued an order to the French troops calling upon them to stand and die if they were not able to advance.

At that time the French Ninth army happened to be under the command of General Foch, and when the French were being pushed back General Foch has sent the following despatch to General Joffre on that fatal day:

"My right is giving way. My left is driven back. My centre is smashed. I am attacking." "Once, again," concluded Mr. Donat, "remember the hour and the man."

No Repudiation Of Pre-Conflict Foreign Issues

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National Government in the Central Bank of China to cover their estimated shares of both the Customs and Salt Loans. These quotas are based on the proportion for which unoccupied China might be regarded as liable if quotas were also provided by the occupied parts of China. It must be remembered that such sums are estimated by working out the amount of Chinese dollars due, at the former official sterling rate of 1/21/4, to meet scheduled loan payments. Actually the sums doan payments. The Central Bank of China last year averaged only about 11% of the sums so due.

Various unofficial statements have been made by members of the Nanking regime to the effect that a portion of the Customs funds deposited in the Yokohama Specie Bank in occupied ports has similarly been earmarked for foreign loan payments, but so far as we are aware such statements have never been confirmed. Last year your Chairman estimated that \$380 million lay in the Yokohama Specie Bank on Customs account. Now that figure must have been doubled, but if and when the dollar quotas are released to the Chinese Government by the Yokohama Specie Bank, there will still remain the exchange problem, that is to say, the problem of how to obtain the requisite amount of foreign currencies. There has, however, been no repudiation of the pre-conflict foreign issues, neither by the Chinese Government nor by the authorities controlling the Customs funds in the occupied areas, and the problem of exchange may not be so difficult for China as for other countries when the world gets back to normal.

ABLE GUIDANCE

One beacon of hope to bondholders is the continuance of the Customs Administration, in the form in which it has existed for so many years, under the able guidance of Sir Frederick Maze the Inspector-General. Fortunately it seems to have been generally realised that undue interference with the established principles of the Customs Administration would result in unfavourable repercussions which would outweigh possible advantages. There is to my mind little doubt that Sir Frederick Maze himself is largely responsible for this satisfactory state of affairs, and his eminent services will no doubt be more clearly recognised when the smoke of conflict clears away.

The Salt Administration is, unfortunately, by no means so well placed as the Customs Administration. In the areas it controls it has had its task cut out to ensure that adequate supplies of Salt are distributed to the unoccupied areas of China. Meanwhile in occupied China little information has been made public as to how Salt Revenues are collected and employed. It appears, however, that Japanese-controlled Salt Companies have monopolies in the production and distribution of Salt and that Japan is now taking large quantities of Salt from North China to replace supplies from elsewhere which have been cut off as a result of the war.

Along of all the Chinese Railway Loans the Peking-Mukden Railway Loan (known as the Chinese Imperial Railway 5% Gold Loan of 1899) is still up to date with coupon and amortisation payments, and its earnings remain excellent. The Manchurian authorities have, however, found difficulty in obtaining sterling exchange. Some of the British railway staff have been paid off but their treatment was decidedly niggardly and caused a good deal of dissatisfaction.

In West China progress has been made on the early stages of the railways running North and West of Kunming, but the severance of communications with Indo-China naturally cut off the only feasible route for the supply of heavy materials. Some work has been done on the Hengyang-Kweilin Railway and also on the Western end of the Lunghai line. The railways under the control of Japanese companies, namely the Central China Railway Company, south of the Yangtze (but excluding the railways centered on Hankow) and the North China Railway Company, north of the Yellow River, are apparently operating with a fair amount of regularity. However, the Railway bondholders are also unlikely to receive consideration until political conditions become normal.

CONTROLLING CONCERN

In addition to the Japanese-controlled railway companies in East and North China, you are of course aware that a whole network of Japanese-operated companies are active in those areas. The North China Development Company is a large controlling concern operating 18 subsidiary companies (there may be more by now). These control Transportation, Wharves, Cotton Growing, Mining, Salt Production, Telegraphs, Telephones, Power Stations and so on. The Central China Development Company concerns itself with similar operations in the Yangtze Valley, and in addition with Silk production and flatures, River and Coastal Steamships, Fish Marketing, and Real Estate. Many if not most of these companies have monopoly trading rights; some of them make profits but others are handicapped by shortage of equipment and local difficulties.

I will not elaborate the obvious effect of these developments on foreign firms. You may have read an illuminating statement published a little time ago by the Tientsin American Chamber of Commerce commenting on the much quoted phrase of Mr. Matsuo, "we shut the open door nowhere to none." Other organisations, both British and American, have been equally frank, and I need no more than refer you to the last Annual Report of the China Association, and to the Speech of the Chairman at the last annual meeting of the Shanghai British Chamber of Commerce.

This is not the occasion to refer in detail to Shanghai's Municipal and other problems, but I feel that you will wish me to say how much you sympathise with that great city in its embarrassments and with the Chairman and Secretary General of the Shanghai Municipal Council who have both narrowly escaped the hands of assassins during the past year. Restrictions on the movement from the interior of rice, that very important item in the Chinese diet, and of other native produce, which were potent factors in causing exchange to fall, have driven up the cost of living over 250 points since January 1940; the price of rice increased 120% in the year and over 600% since the Sino-Japanese conflict commenced in 1937. This has naturally led to higher costs all round and particularly to demands for increases of pay and so brought financial embarrassment to the Municipal Council. The latter's powers of taxation being restricted by the Shanghai Land Regulations, they have been forced to ask authority from ratepayers for a considerable increase in rates rather than to adopt other forms of taxation or subsidies. I am afraid that a proper solution of the Shanghai problem in all its aspects can only come when the political problems of the Far East are solved. In the meantime let us hope that there will be a realisation of the vital importance on humanitarian and common sense grounds of reasonable compromise for the maintenance of peace, order and the livelihood of the large population of that cosmopolitan city.

IMPORTANT PROBLEMS

There are many important problems facing the National Government at Chungking but it would take too long to deal with them here. There is the undivulged financial and budgetary position of the Chinese Government; the serious economic problem it is facing—especially in regard to food prices and distribution (rice is about ten times the pre-war price in Chungking); there are the difficulties of communications, concerning which the state of the Burma Road is of urgent importance; the complicated relations with the communist armies, which give rise to periodical friction as at the present time; there are the interesting industrial and mining developments in West China; the barter agreements with foreign countries and the problems affecting the occupied areas. All of these matters are of great importance and in one way or another they must affect directly or indirectly the future of China and our concern in that future. Some of them are real danger-spots—like time bombs, which need the most careful handling by men of outstanding skill and bravery—but I am confident that, with the foreign assistance which is now being made available, these internal affairs will be tackled in a manner which will avoid any serious set-back to China's powers of resistance. On the other hand, China's external problems are, I believe, dependent on the outcome of the war in Europe.

Let us now pass on to other matters. Last year your Chairman expressed uneasiness at certain aspects of the financial situation of this Colony and urged the employment of economy. I am satisfied that the new budget has kept down to reasonable proportions considering the onerous but necessary expenditure on defence measures and the services, unavoidably incurred through the influx of Chinese. But we must continually remember that Hongkong is very susceptible to outside influences such as the situation viz-a-viz China, Japan, Indo-China, the shortage of tonnage, movements of population and so on. It is therefore of importance that fresh commitments should be scrutinized with great care and that economy should be the watchword on all sides. It is however only right that Hongkong should remit to the Home Government whatever contribution to the war effort it can spare, and last year it played its proper part in remitting £200,000 out of revenue and a further £200,000 from the profits of the Exchange Fund. In addition, there is of course the Bomber Fund now totalling about £100,000, which has been raised by voluntary subscription through the South China Morning Post and Hongkong Telegraph. This is apart from the considerable expenditure borne by the Colony for local defences. It amounts to a contribution we can be proud of.

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Further Reduction In Price Of Firewood

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"RING" POSSIBILITY

Asked whether he was in agreement with the Hongkong Daily Press on Jan. 8 regarding the existence of a "ring," Mr. Anderson admitted the possibility of there being such a ring, with connexions in the producing centres, and for this and other reasons it was necessary for his representative to proceed on his investigations without anyone being aware of this fact.

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Concluding that interview, Mr. Anderson said, "Everything has had to be done secretly, if we are to succeed in reducing the price of firewood to an economic level. I shall, therefore, appreciate it if you will not publish the details of our plans until our work is completed."

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FORMER KING OF SIAM BREAKS SILENCE

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—EX-KING PRADHIPHOK of Siam, breaking his long silence about Far Eastern affairs, said in an interview published in the DAILY TELEGRAPH:

"Siam does not want to be under the direction of any nation. I am sure that is the policy of the present Government."

Throughout the interview, the former King spoke of Siam and not Thailand, explaining he has not become used to the new name and insisted his views given were his own personal ones.

He denied Siamese politics are dictated by the Japanese and said Siam's claim against Indo-China, which amounted to no more than a rectification of the frontier, was a long standing one, and is not made at Japan's instigation.

He thought it is possible, despite the armistice, fighting might break out again. Then the Japanese might say: "We must have peace," and occupy Indo-China. "But I do not think Japan wants to fight there yet."

RATHER WAIT

He continued: "I think she would rather wait and see what happens in Europe before court-ming a fight there. But she might count on no one helping Indo-China and the French alone could not do much to stop her."

"If the Japanese want to use a land route to Singapore, they must occupy Indo-China, then invade Siam. We know Siam figures in the Japanese scheme of expansion."

"The Japanese try to make out they are friends of Siam. They said to the Chinese 'We love you very much' and look what happened there. It has been a traditional policy of all kings of Siam to be friendly with Great Britain and the British Empire."

FOREIGN POLICY

"That is the keystone of all Siamese foreign policy and I have no reason to suppose that policy has been changed. I still think the Government of Siam is trying to be friendly with Britain and would not willingly do anything that might make her Britain's enemy."

To me, it would seem that Siam would be behaving almost suicidally if she were to make herself Britain's enemy."

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Terms: Cash on Delivery

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Tuesday, the 4th March, 1941

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- Clothing, including Blankets and Serge and Duck, etc., Remnants, Electro Plate, Cutlery and Table Linen, etc., etc.

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Terms of Sale: As detailed in Catalogue.

LAMMERT BROS.

By Appointment, Auctioneers to the Admiralty.

Vice-Chancellor's Speech

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but which should be continued on the same scale.

As regards Japan, recent regulations issued there seem to be designed to restrict or to drive foreign banks out of business altogether in the same way as banks in Manchuria have already been restricted and in some cases driven out. The position awaits further clarification, but in the meantime we have notified our diplomatic authorities, as their intervention seems to be the only action now possible. I will therefore say no more about this, nor will I deal with trade in Japan since it is now under very comprehensive governmental control.

BRIGHTEST PICTURE

As regards other countries, Malaya gives the brightest picture. Tin and Rubber exporters have had a very good year and this has of course brought prosperity to the many concerns (including Banks) which are directly or indirectly concerned with these two important products. It must not however be forgotten that the present prosperity of producers is due largely to the purchases made by the United States Government for their War Reserve Stocks and these purchases will not go on for ever. Exchange control in Singapore is working smoothly and the rates provide a fair though not excessive margin of profit on banking operations. The two 3 per cent. war loans floated by the Straits Settlements and F.M.S. Governments, totalling \$45 millions, were fully subscribed and remitted to H.M. Treasury as war contributions, while 3 per cent. War Savings Certificates are proving very popular.

In India conditions have been subject to fluctuations, but recently there has been a better feeling and confidence exists that the trade situation will remain satisfactory, helped by war production developments which are now being hastened forward.

The Philippine Islands are realizing how much their welfare is dependent on trade with the British Empire and Europe, but they are fortunate to be able to rely on the United States to breach the gap as and when it is necessary. The past year has been one of moderate prosperity and we are satisfied with the progress we are making in Manila.

Before concluding, ladies and gentlemen, I want to send a message of encouragement to the sixty odd members of the staff of the Bank who are serving in the armed forces and to those in our London office. Many of our employees out in the East wish that they too were able to get away to share the dangers and discomforts of their colleagues, but it is obvious that some must remain to keep the Bank going and most of those out East are trained or training for such local service as may be required. Anyhow, you will all join me in praying for a safe return for those who have temporarily left the Bank's service and for good fortune to those in London who have to submit to the terroristic methods of Hitler, though we hope it will not be for much longer.

Finally may I remind you and ask you to take to heart in all your activities the words spoken by our fighting Prime Minister who, when things looked so black last July, called on all members of the British race and on their friends and well-wishers in every land "to play their part, night and day, giving all, doing all, enduring all to the utmost, to the end." He added these words:—"This is no war of chieftains, of princes, of dynasties or national ambitions, it is a war of people and of causes." "Let all strive," he concluded, "without failing in faith or in duty, and the dark curse of Hitler will be lifted from our age."

I now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented, and after they have been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any question that may be asked.

MR. D. J. SLOSS

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:—The balance sheet now in our hands and the established opinion of all competent judges make it unnecessary to elaborate the view that the Bank is perhaps the chief agency fostering commerce and industry in this quarter of the globe. How wisely its policy has been administered, this balance sheet is witness. The phenomenal growth of the Bank in its two generations or so of existence is evidence of skilful control and sound management. Had the Bank failed to fulfil its function, in the commercial or-

ganisation of this Colony and of the China ports it would long ago have been found out, and relegated to the limbo in which inefficient banks work out their own damnation. Its growth, the stable confidence with which it is accepted, the respect with which its policies are received, these are the clear indications of its fundamental soundness, and of the skill and integrity with which it has been administered.

We have heard a finely balanced, discriminating report on the conditions in which the Bank's work has been done during the past year. The Bank is accustomed to carry out its work under difficulties. I do not know what conditions were like in its early years, but since the Chinese Revolution conditions never have been normal. The Bank has had to carry on in unsettled political conditions, and amidst extemporised and constantly changing economic policies in China, against appalling currency difficulties, some inherent in Chinese conditions; some, and these not the lightest, consequent on world economic and monetary conditions of which China was rather a victim than a responsible agent. In these war years there has been the derangement of all banking organisation at home, and to add to the tangle of impediments we have had, more recently and nearer home, the continued state of unsettlement in French Indo-China, readjustments in the Dutch Indies, in Thailand and in India. These, with a long war on our door-step, make an environment in which the coolest banker might fold his hands and resign himself to wait on some kind of Providence, to solve his difficulties.

The policy of this Bank and of its management has been far different, and the success with which this accumulation of almost insoluble difficulties has been surmounted is shown in the records of its work that are now in our hands.

CHEERFUL VIEW

This is our warrant for taking a moderately cheerful view of the future. It would be a bold man who would venture dogmatically to lay down what kind of England and Europe will emerge from the present war. We know it will be vastly different from the world we have known, and some of us are going to have to make some vast readjustments in our attitude to life. I am not sure that the future of the Pacific is, not even more difficult to envisage. Most of us in the earlier days of the "incident" spent many hours reading estimates of self-styled experts on the economic factors that were going to induce this or that settlement. I, for one, have given up this type of reading. If one wants ingenious fiction there is at hand a vast mass of detective and crime literature much more entertaining and just as useful as an aid to a sound forecast of the future of these parts. The survey we have just heard from the Chairman is in a different category. It is informed, temperate, judicial and at no point tendentious. As in all the years in which I have had an opportunity of hearing or reading it, the Chairman's speech has been an admirable warning against facile political speculation and has given us a basis for a sound agnosticism touching the present, and consequently the future, of the politics of the Far East. Better one annual review of this kind than countless periodical newsletters and bulletins. We have confidence that Britain will emerge triumphant and that so also will China. The survey does not disturb our assurance: it is a wholesome caveat against facile optimism.

I have probably less right than any person in this room to discuss the service that the Bank has done to industry, commerce and civil government in the Far East. On another aspect of its work I can speak with less hesitation. It has realised its social obligation in this Colony and elsewhere where it operates in a manner that calls for respect. The Chief Manager's interest in the War Memorial Nursing Home, we all well know, is not limited to his personal acquisition of its chief treasure. In the efforts to raise funds for war purposes its example has been signal. I can refer with full knowledge to the support given by both the Chief Manager and the Manager to efforts that have been made and are still being made to organise Hongkong industry for the maximum service of our war ends. Nearer home, I have experienced the close discriminating interest that has been shown in the affairs

ST. DAVID'S DAY

COCKTAIL PARTY ON SATURDAY

Since 1911, with the exception of a lacuna during the last war, it has been customary for members of Cymdeithas Dewi Sant in Hongkong to celebrate St. David's Day, March 1, by holding a dinner party, but this year the celebration will take the form of a cocktail party at the Hongkong Club when the guest of honour will be Sir David Owen, who is shortly returning home after a brief stay in the Colony.

All Welsh folk are invited to attend between the hours of 6.30 and 8 p.m., together with their friends. The subscription is \$5 per person and the accrued balance will be donated to a war charity fund. Applications should be made to Mrs. S. Lewis, Hon. secretary, 3, Ventres Road.

CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION

Information has been received from His Majesty's Consul-General, Kunning, to the effect that as from 15, 1941, all passengers arriving by air in Yunnan from Hongkong will be required to produce certificates of successful vaccination performed within the preceding year, failing which they will be required to undergo vaccination after arrival.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT RETURNS

In the Colony of Hongkong including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22, there were altogether 71 traffic accidents as the result of which one person was killed and 18 persons were injured.

The person killed, a Chinese male, age 23, died from injuries received while alighting from a moving bus.

Of the 71 accidents, 35 were collisions between vehicles; 26 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 10 accidents were due to other causes.

of the University. Like every other institution of a like kind in the Empire we have fallen on evil days. The fact that we carry on at all is in large measure due to the skilful management of the University's finance, first by Dr. Arthur Morse and now by Mr. Edmondston. That even now the University can proceed to build for the teaching of modern science and can undertake new work in preventive and curative medicine is due to the discernment and aid generously given, it always critically, by the Chief Manager. In celebrating the services of the Bank to the industrial and economic welfare of the Colony, we should not overlook its contribution to the intangible, but not less essential, elements of a healthy community.

Mr. Chairman, I have much pleasure in seconding your proposal that the Report and Accounts be adopted.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

On the proposal of Mr. L. Kadoorie, seconded by Mr. T. N. Chau, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mr. K. S. Morrison were re-elected Directors.

Mr. J. Fleming and Mr. H. K. Forsyth were re-appointed Auditors on the proposal of Mr. H. K. Hancock, seconded by Mr. P. S. Cassidy.

THOSE PRESENT

Those present at the meeting were: The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson (Chairman); Mr. W. H. Lock (Deputy Chairman); Mr. J. K. Bousfield, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. L. J. Davies, Mr. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. G. Miskin, Mr. K. S. Morrison, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields (Directors); Sir Vandeleur Graydon (Chief Manager); Messrs. D. J. Sloss, T. N. Chau, Chua Beng-choo, G. E. Cross, R. A. Datsur, D. C. Edmondston, T. J. J. Fenwick, Fung Bok-m, Fung Manter, H. Dawson-Grove, H. S. Hills, Ho Wing H. W. Page, E. H. Pritchard, B. Wood, L. Kadoorie, F. W. Stapleton, J. A. Tarrant, D. V. Stevenson, J. H. Ruttenjee, H. R. Hancock, E. S. Aburham, P. S. Cassidy, L. C. F. Bellamy, J. Fleming, S. T. Williamson, M. H. Lo, H. J. Armstrong, C. B. Brown, J. M. Alves, N. V. A. Croucher, F. H. Kew, H. R. Forsyth, S. H. Ross, G. G. N. Tinson, and the Rev. E. R. Wells (Shareholders).

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Finance and Commerce

EXPORT PERMITS FOR FINANCE

NEW GOVERNMENT DECREE ISSUED

The following is a press notification issued by the Colonial Secretariat yesterday on the provision of funds for visits, residence, maintenance, etc., outside the sterling area.

1. Permits under the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1940, to export funds for personal use by British subjects (other than Canadian British subjects and British subjects of Chinese race) to places outside the sterling area, are no longer being issued, save in altogether exceptional circumstances, in respect of persons leaving the Colony or the sterling area on or after 1st March, 1941.

Canada is outside the sterling area.

2. Exceptions are at present being made in respect of husbands etc. on short visits to families affected by the evacuation order.

3. It is further notified for general information that instructions have been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies that all permits for remittances under paragraph 1, irrespective of date of departure from Hongkong or the sterling area, should be cancelled as from 31st May, 1941, but it is still possible that in view of the compulsory evacuation this decision may be

U.S. AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION

Incredible Expansion Of Industry

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—September will be the decisive month, said Sir Walter Citrine, British Trade Union leader, broadcasting last night.

Sir Walter, who has just returned from an extensive tour of the United States, said that by September British and American production of aircraft would exceed German production.

The American aircraft industry, he said, is expanding at an incredible rate.

Last July 78,000 men were employed in American aircraft factories and at the present moment 250,000 were employed. By next June the number would have increased to 500,000.

The American people were deeply impressed with the justice of the British cause. There was no hesitation or doubt about what the British were right in resisting Nazi aggression.

modified, at least in respect of remittances to Canada. Information is being sought from the Secretary of State on this subject and a further announcement will be made at the earliest possible moment.

U.S. CONTROL OF EXPORTS

LICENSING SYSTEM EXTENDED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The export licensing system has been extended under a proclamation issued yesterday by President Roosevelt to beryllium, graphite, electrodes and aircraft.

The order becomes effective immediately.

A similar proclamation to become effective on March 10 will apply to belladonna, atrophine, sole leather and belting.

DEFENCE LINKS

The Senate Naval Affairs Commission has approved the authorization of credit amounting to \$242,373,500 for improvements on the islands of Guam and Samoa.

The naval spokesman, Admiral Morrell, declared that these and other improvements to a number of bases leased from Britain were "absolutely vital to the defence of the United States."

FOOD SHORTAGE IN BERLIN

TRANSPORT CRISIS BLAMED BY NAZIS

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Berliners no longer buy sausages, fearing that this pre-war staple German diet is now made from dog meat, says a correspondent who has just returned from Berlin.

The German capital, he declares, is suffering a severe food shortage and queues are lining up for many commodities.

The Nazis ascribe the situation to the transport crisis, adding that supplying a city of more than 4,000,000 imposes a severe strain on the nation's railways, on which the Army and munitions industries have first call.

VEGETABLE SCARCE

It is possible to eat much better in Hamburg, Cologne, Nuremberg and Munich than in the capital. Customers form queues even in cheap bazaars, particularly when the month's ration of sweets are distributed.

Potatoes are difficult to obtain and green stuffs are scarce.

BRITISH EXPORTS TO JAPAN

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Capt. Oliver Lyttelton, President of the Board of Trade, questioned yesterday in the House of Commons the British exports to Japan in the last 12 months.

Capt. Lyttelton declared that during the period of war no licences had been issued for exports from Great Britain to Japan of war materials as such.

U.S.S.R. DEFENCE EXPENDITURE

MOSCOW, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—A heavy increase in the defence expenditure was announced by the Finance Commissar, M. Overev, to the Supreme Council of the USSR Parliament last night.

The estimates amount to 70,000,000,000 rubles compared with 57,000,000,000 last year and just under 41,000,000,000 in 1939.

JAPANESE PRESS GANG ACTIVE

A virtual reign of terror now prevails in the Yangtseepoo district in Shanghai as a result of the activities of the Japanese press gang in conscripting Chinese residents for military service, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

As many persons are reported to have been kidnapped, most of the Chinese inhabitants there are now confining themselves indoors and dare not venture out lest they be seen and spirited away by the Japanese.

It is reported that among those already conscripted by the Japanese are included some Chinese in the employment of the Shanghai Municipal Police—(Central News).

MELBOURNE, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The Australian Red Cross is sending £10,000 and £15,000 worth of goods to China in response to a request for assistance.

British War Effort Boost Demand For P.I. Lumber

An encouraging effect of the war on the Philippine lumber industry has been the expansion of the British and the American markets for lumber and timber. As a result of the mounting demands of the war and armament industries in the British Empire and in the United States, export demand for Philippine lumber has improved considerably lately, writes Bernardino Ronquillo in the Manila Bulletin.

With the defence programme in the United States gathering momentum month after month and the shipbuilding industry now booming, the outlook for Philippine sawed lumber has been brightened considerably, according to local trade circles. This improving export demand is understood to have offset to a large extent the slackening of purchases of logs by Japan lately owing to the tightening of Japanese control over foreign exchange and capital operations.

A significant feature of the recent export demand has been the numerous inquiries received from England regarding the possibility of obtaining from the Philippines a supply of local wood to be used in the construction of naval vessels. Latest inquiry received by the bureau of commerce is from a construction company in Singapore, Straits Settlement, which would like to hear from local exporters of lumber who are in a position to supply mahogany suitable for the construction of high speed cruisers.

GROWING DEMANDS

Since the outbreak of the war, England is understood to have been turning to other sources of supply for lumber and timber to feed the growing demands of her war industries, particularly shipbuilding, in which activity has been accelerated to permit the empire to replace her heavy losses from the combined German submarine and surface raids and air-bombing. Late last year it was noted that orders from Great Britain, Australia and South Africa continued to be received here for delivery this year.

Statistics show that England more than doubled her purchases of Philippine sawed lumber last year owing to the tremendous demand of her war industries.

For the first ten months of 1940 alone shipments of sawed lumber to that country were reported at 13,325,241 board feet in comparison with only 6,332,350 board feet during the corresponding period of 1939.

The United States also increased her purchases from the Philippines last year with demands from that country being stimulated by the acceleration of the national defence programme.

During the first ten months of 1940 alone shipments to that country amounted to 19,765,246 board feet, an increase of about 3,500,000 board feet over the total for the like period of 1939.

BEST BUYER

There was, however, a considerable slackening of log purchases from Japan, which is traditionally the best buyer of Philippine lumber and timber. This was attributed to the concern felt by Japan over the Far Eastern situation and the decision of the government to tighten control over foreign exchange and capital operations.

Latest trends in the lumber export trade tend to make the United States the best market for Philippine lumber and timber owing to the growing demands of the armament industries in that country.

For the first time in the export trade of lumber and timber, United States became the largest outlet during November as shipments to Japan hit a new low, according to latest export statistics released by the bureau of forestry.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1941

SALES

H.K. Electrics (O.)	100	\$41.50
	200	41.50
	300	41.50
	350	41.55
H.K. Electrics (N.)	100	41.40
	100	41.40
China Providents	1000	5.75
H.K. Tel. (O.)	750	24.00
	200	24.00
	500	24.00
H.K. Lands X.D.	100	\$2.10
A.S. Watsons	500	10.80
Shai Wing On	800	3.80
	600	3.80
	5400	

The total value is \$101,442.50.

BRITISH GOODS FOR RUMANIA

EXPORT LICENCES REVOKED

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—All outstanding navicerts and export licences for Rumania were revoked when Italy entered the war, declared Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, when questioned in the House of Commons yesterday.

At this time, he added, Rumania was already passing under German economic control. No goods had, therefore, been allowed to go through the British controls to Rumania since last June.

Asked for an assurance that similar treatment would be meted out to other countries likely to be drawn into the German orbit, Mr. Dalton indicated that the Rumanian precedent might usefully be followed.

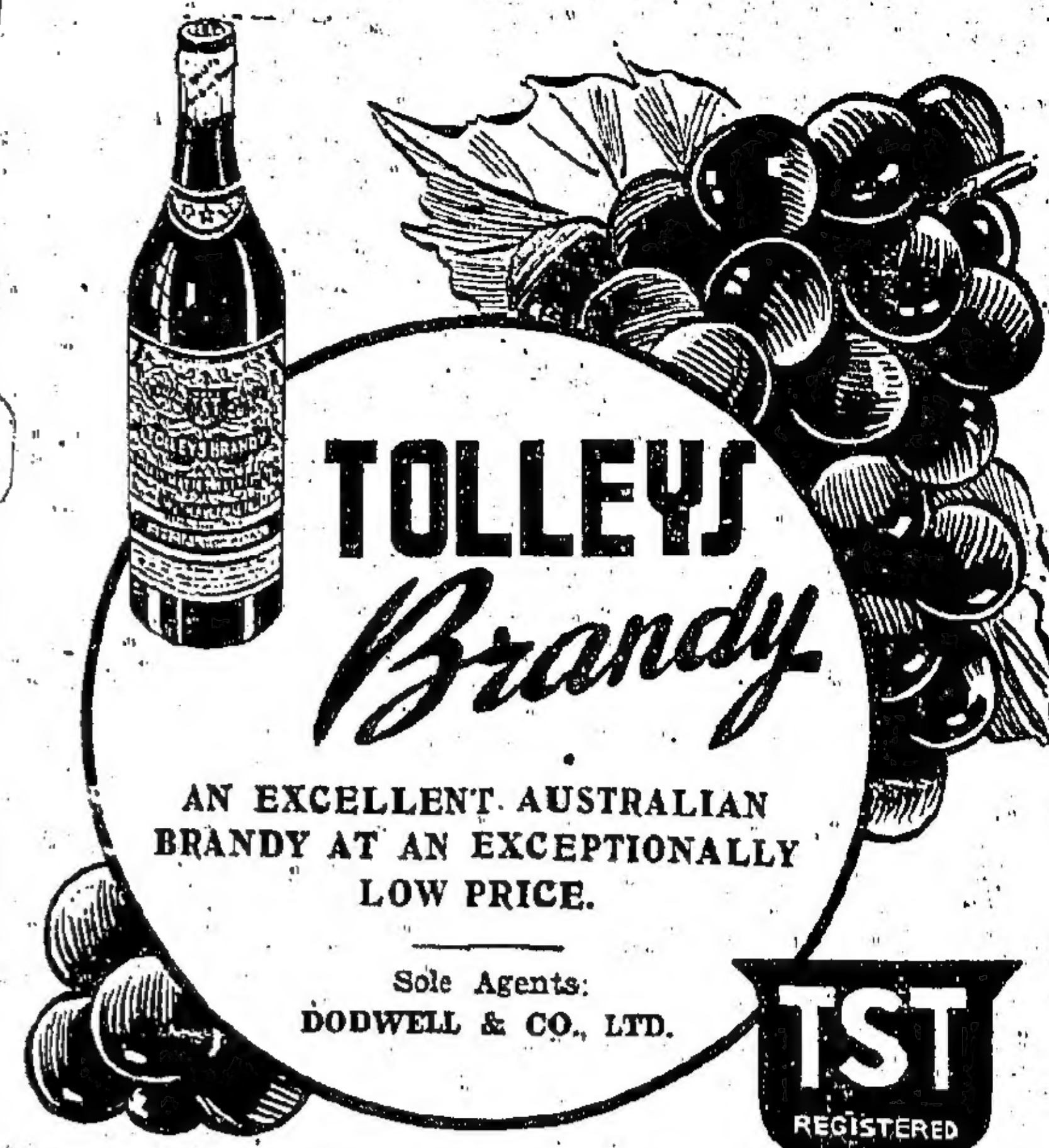
ATTACK ON GREECE

SOFIA, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Although the Germans are believed to have made preparations down to the most minute detail to attack Greece through Bulgaria, observers in Sofia think that they may hold their hand for a few days in the hope of news of Italian successes in Albania.

The weather, however, is unfavourable for a German move. Frequent rainstorms have left the road unsuitable for heavy traffic.

MR. J. G. WINANT

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Mr. John G. Winant, new United States Ambassador to Britain, had reserved a seat on the Clipper scheduled to leave for Lisbon on Thursday, the Pan American Airways announced last night.



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COMMONS AND JAPANESE OFFER OF MEDIATION

NO QUESTION OF COMPROMISE

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, was asked in the House of Commons yesterday to state the precise terms of the Japanese offer of mediation.

Mr. Butler declared: "In a recent communication to Mr. Eden, the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs, after referring generally to the European war, observed that Japan was fully prepared to act as mediator or to take whatever action was calculated to restore peace and normal conditions not only in Greater East Asia, but anywhere in the world."

"The Japanese Foreign Minister, in subsequent public statements

(made, he said, after consulting Germany) has indicated that these words were not to be regarded as an offer of mediation in the European war.

"In any case the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs has been informed by the Prime Minister that, in a cause of the kind for which we are fighting—a cause in no way concerned with territory, trade or material gains but affecting the whole future of humanity—there can be no question of compromise or parity." (Cheers)

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The Japanese Naval delegation, under Vice-Admiral Nomura, arrived in Berlin yesterday, says the official German News Agency. The delegation is to stay several months in Germany.

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

FEBRUARY 26, 1941.

On London:—
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8
Credits 4 months' sight

On Shanghai:—
On demand 430
On Singapore:—
On demand 62 3/4

On Japan:—
On demand 102 1/2

On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer, 82 1/2
and demand

On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 24
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 3/4

On Batavia:—
On demand 45

On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.

On Saigon:—
On demand 104

On Manila:—
On demand 48

On Bangkok:—
On demand 118 1/2

On Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate Nom.
Bar Silver per oz 93 7/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.
Wednesday, Feb. 26.
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 7/16 for Ready and 23 3/8 for Forward. Silver advances reported, the market as being steady but featureless. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403 1/2.

MARKET
STERLING
There were sellers at 1/3 Feb. April, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS
Opened with sellers at 24 7/16. A small business was reported at 24 1/2. The market closed with sellers at 24 1/2 for Cash and possible buyers at 24 9/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Sellers at 440.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Sterling quoted at 3 13/22 at the opening and closed with sellers at 3 25/64 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 17/32 and later the rate dropped to 5 1/2. Last advices reported sellers at 5 17/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Feb. 26 (Reuter).
Official T.T. Rates
Opening
London 0/3-3/8
New York 5-1/2
Japan 23-3/8
India 18-3/4
Paris nominal
Hongkong 22-3/8

Sterling
Opening 0/3-3/8
Closing 0/3-25/84
Spot 0/3-13/32
Feb. 0/3-13/32
Mar. 0/3-25/64
U.S. Dollars
Spot \$5-17/32
Feb. 5-17/32
Mar. 5-17/32
Market: Uncertain.

Silver Duty Rate
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.
The Equalisation rate was 24 1/2 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Feb. 25 (Reuter).
T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Feb. 25 (Reuter).
Govt. 3 1/2% Rupee, 95-0-0.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER
London, Feb. 25 (Reuter).
Silver—Market steady but featureless. Business very small. In the afternoon, the market was steady with business very quiet.
Spot 23-7/16d.
Forward, 23-3/8d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Feb. 25 (Reuter).
Market—Quiet. Offtake 225 bars.
Indian Mint Silver
Ready 63-01
Mar. 24 Settlement 62-14
April 22 Settlement 62-14

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Feb. 25, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.34	10.33	10.34	.08 up
New York Rubber, March	20.85	20.59	20.83b	.28 off
Chicago Wheat, May	83 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2	1/2 off
Chicago Corn, May	61 1/2	61	61 1/2	1/2 off
New York Hides, March	13.06	12.89	12.97	.02 off

NEW YORK COTTON
Close 10.34/34
Opening 10.39/39
March 10.34/34
May 10.37/37
July 10.30/29
October 9.91/91
December 9.89/89
January 9.87 N
Spot 10.90

Total sales Monday—89,700 bales.
The first notice day for March Cotton is 25/2/14 and last day is 14/3/41.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	20.88b	20.80b/99a	20.60/60	.28 off
March	20.88b	20.80b/99a	20.60/60	.28 off
May	20.80/80	20.30b/90a	20.55/59	.25 off
July	20.30/30	unquoted	20.63b/10a	.27 off
September	20.10/12	20.10b/15a	19.88/88	.22 off

Total sales—880 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT				
May	83½/83½	83½/83½	83/82½	½ off
July	79½/79½	78½/78½	78½/78½	½ off
September	79½/79½	—	78½/78½	1 off

Monday's sales:—17,600,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

May	61 1/2/62	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2	1/2 off
July	61 1/2/61 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2	1/2 off
September	61 1/2/61	—	60 1/2/60 1/2	1/2 off

NEW YORK HIDES					
March	12.97/13.00	12.91/94	12.95/13.02	.02	off
June	13.16/18	13.20/24	13.10/10	.08	off
Total sales for the day:—198 contracts.					

NEW YORK COCOA				
March	6.01 N	6.15/23	6.01 N	unch.
May	6.13 N	6.21/23	6.09 N	.04 off

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

Match	213b/14a	—	214b/15a	.01 up
May	218b/19a	—	219b/20a	.01 up

Volume of business done:—623 lots.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4				
March	70b/71a	unquoted	70b/70½a	unch.
May	73b/74a	73b/73½a	73b/73½a	unch.
Volume of business done:—202 lots.				

The Last notice day for March is 28/2.

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

March	11.73b/80a	11.70b/80a	11.75b/79a	.02 up
July	11.60b/65a	11.60b/68a	11.62b/66a	.02 up
N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4		34-3/4	
NY-London Cross Rate	403-1/2		403-1/2	

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Feb. 25.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1952)	103-1/2
Defence Loan, 3%	101 1/2
London-Liverpool Rly. 5%	11
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan, 1898 (Brit. Issue)	42
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/41	40-44
China 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5% Crisis Loan, 1912	24
Chinese 5% Foreign Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	31
Chinese 8% Star Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	8-10
China Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	47
Hongkong Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	14
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	12
Lang Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5%, 1913	12
Shanghai-Nanking Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	12
Jap. 6% Star Loan, 1924	22-24 1/2
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	6
Chartered Bank	7 1/2
H.K. & Shanghai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	73
H.K. & Shanghai Bank (Col. Reg.)	78
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	17
Chosen Corporation	4 1/2
Mercantile Bank of India, 25, "G"	11-1/8
Peking Syndicate	1/6
Shanghai Elec. Constr. Co.	12 1/2
Shanghai Waterworks "A"	12
Union Insurance	24
Ying Kaimong Rubber	15 1/2
Lym. Mid. & Scot. Rly.	11 1/2
Great Western Rly.	32 1/2

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London, Feb. 25 (Reuter).
Bar Gold, Fine per oz, 183 1/2

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H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

February, 26.

After easing off, Electrics have come into favour again and offerings have been readily absorbed with the demand unsatisfied. There were also enquiries for other stocks, the market displaying more activity.

BUYERS

Union Ins., \$412.

H.K. Fire Ins., \$170.

Providents, \$5.75.

Lands 4% Debentures, \$97.50.

Lights (Old), \$6.10.

Electric (Old), \$41.50.

SELLERS

Hotels, \$3.60.

Humphreys, \$7.05.

Telephones (New), \$9.80.

SALES

Trams, \$10.60, X.D.

Lights (Old), \$8.20.

Electric (Old), \$41.50.

Electric (New), \$41.40.

Telephones (Old), \$24.

Watsons, \$10.75.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

FEBRUARY 26, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	5 1/2	Loew's Inc.	32
Allegheny Steel Co.	21	Loft Incorporated	16 1/2
Allis Chalmers	23 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	27 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	72 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	26
Amer. Can.	87 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, ptd.	—
American Cyanamid B.	33 1/2	Montgomery Ward	37 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	15 1/8	Mt. Airy City Copper Co.	3
Amer. Locomotive	13 1/2	National Aviation	8 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	17 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	National Distillers	21 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2	National Lead	15 1/2
Amer. S. & W. Rng Co.	40 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	15 1/2	National Supply Corp.	5 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	18 1/2	New York Central	12 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	68 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	5 1/2	N. American Aviation	14 1/2
Anaconda Copper	23 1/2	North American Co.	15 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	23 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Aviation Corp.	31	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	42 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	15 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	23 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	34 1/2	Packard Motors	21
Barber Asphalt Co.	31	Pan-American Airways	13 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	8 1/2	Paragon Pictures	10 1/2
Bendix Aviation	34 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	23 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	80	Phillips Petroleum	38 1/2
3115 & Co.	15 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	26 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	19 1/2	Pullman Inc.	24
Borg-Warner	18 1/2	Pure Oil	7 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	21 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	31	Reading Company, Com.	12 1/2
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	31	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	42 1/2
Case, J.I.	48	Republic Aviation Corp.	4
Celanese	23 1/2	Republic Steel	19 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	41 1/2	Revere Corp.	8 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	31	Reynold Tobacco "B"	32 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	31	Safeway Stores	38 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	30	Schenley Distillers	9 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	11 1/2	Sears Roebuck	72 1/2
Consolidated Edison	21 1/2	Shell Union Oil	11 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Socony-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2
Continental Can	38	Southern Pacific	9 1/2
Continental Oil	17 1/2	Southern Rly. 5 ptd.	21 1/2
Copperweld Steel	14 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	32 1/2
Curtis Wright (C.)	8 1/2	Standard Brands	6 1/2
Curtis Wright "A"	26 1/2	Standard Gas & Elec.	4 1/2
Deere & Co.	19 1/2	Standard Oil of California	18 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	15 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	34 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	73 1/2	Stone & Webster	6 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	14 1/2	Studebaker Corp.	6 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	9 1/2	Swift International	17 1/2
Easton Mfg. Co.	31 1/2	Technicolor	8 1/2
Elec. Autolite	29 1/2	Texas Corp.	35
Elec. Bond & Share	34	Texas Gulf Sulphur	—
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	54 1/2	Timken-Axle	29 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pf.	60 1/2	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	29 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	6 1/2
Flintkote	13 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	10 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	49 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	64 1/2
Gen. Electric	32 1/2	Union Pacific	7 1/2
Gen. Motors	44	United Aircraft	39 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	13 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	13 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	10 1/2	United Corp.	11 1/2
Glidden Co.	13	United Gas Corp.	25 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	13	United Gas Improvement	23 1/2
Goodrich \$5 pf.	60	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	20 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	18 1/2	U.S. Rubber	20 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	13 1/2	U.S. Rubber \$8 ptd.	84
Great Northern Rly. ptd.	25	U.S. Smelting	59 1/2
Great Western Sugar	11	U.S. Steel	59 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	69	Vanadium	28
Hercules Powder Co.	45	Vulcan Aircraft	6 1/2
Homestake Mining	45	Walworth Co.	5
Int. Nickel	24 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	27 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	12 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	96 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	21 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	28 1/2
Johannesburg Copper	33 1/2	Chase National Bank	31 1/2
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	35	National City Bank	27 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	24 1/2	Libby, Monell & Libby	5 1/2

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A.R.P. ORDERS

FEBRUARY 25, 1941

A.R.P. Orders issued by Wing-Com
mander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E.,
Director of Air Raid Precautions.

CENSUS

The Census will be taken on March 13 and 14. Short meetings of Divisional Wardens in Hongkong and Kowloon will be held as under to discuss further details of the forthcoming census:-

In Hongkong, at the A.R.P. School, Happy Valley, immediately after the attestation meeting on March 4. "Tr Kowloon," at the A.R.P. Club, King's Park immediately after the attestation meeting on March 5. Divisional Wardens should be accompanied by an Officer detailed to assist them in organising the taking of the census in their respective Divisions.

Divisional Wardens should arrange for a meeting of their District and Group Wardens as soon after the above meeting as possible.

MEMBERSHIP OF SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The South China Athletic Association has offered special reduced membership fees for Air Raid Wardens provided at least 30 applications are received before ultimo March. The reduced fee will be \$4 per annum which will entitle members to use the sporting and swimming facilities of the Association. All applications must be sent through Division Wardens to Deputy District Warden C. C. Li, Upper Levels "D," c/o Kung Ming Hong, China Building, 6th floor. Entries should reach him not later than March 31.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

The following Wardens have been permitted to resign:-
1524 Mrs. L. R. Contes (G.H.), 11.
Miss Pok Pui-ling (W.), G.W. 707
Cheung Kin-pun (E.), 30 Lee Yick-wan and 497 Miss Chan Min-shut (B.V.), 1502 Miss Chiu Ching-ching and S.W. 601 Miss Ng Fung-yee (U.L.), 1581 A. H. Hyndman (E.), 2354 Miss Tse Wai-ming (H.H.) and 1855 Chui Shiu-yin (M.K.).

The following Warden has been dismissed from the Corps:-
630 Yan Yiu-hong of Upper Levels Division.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

District Warden Wong Tung-shing (A) to 2 Nan Tau St., ground floor (M.K.); 2749 Miss A. Ma (W) to 38 Hau Wong Road (K.C.V.); 1178 Leung Siu-chow (W) to 729 Nathan Road, 1st floor (M.K.); Deputy District Warden Ho Kue-tuen (S.S. Po) to 292 Reclamation Street, 1st floor; 1110 Miss Wong Wai-ching (W) to 13 Po Yan Street, third floor (U.L.); 1743 Liu Sung-lin, 1789 Mak Wai-chu and 1790 See To-ming (M.K.) to 103 Austin Road (Y); District Warden P. L. Young, District "B" (U.L.) to 5 Pak Lo Tsun Road, 1st floor (K.C.V.).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1521 P. N. Merritt (G.H.), one month's leave of absence granted as from Feb. 22.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are notified with effect from Feb. 26:-
Deputy District Warden, Lt-Col. E. D. Matthews to be Head Warden Kowloon (as from Feb. 21); 2028 Group Warden Ho Hin-kan to be Deputy District Warden "A", Shamshui-po.

TRANSFER

1749 J. Macaulay (M.K.) is transferred to Diocesan School as House Warden; 2528 Leong Tim (E) is transferred to Central Division.

PROMOTIONS

The following promotions are notified with effect from Feb. 26:-
Eastern:-To be Deputy Group Wardens-1837 Pang Yu-ki, S.W. 712, Mak Shun-shing, 737 Leung Ping-wah, S/W

Refugees In The Colony

An increase of 160 in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps, etc., in urban and rural areas is recorded in the returns for the week ending on Feb. 22.

Urban Areas:

King's Park-1,301 against 1,292 on Feb. 15.
Ma Tau Chung-1,556 against 1,444 on Feb. 15.
North Point-1,463 against 1,459 on Feb. 15.
Morrison Hill-533 against 533 on Feb. 15.

Urban Areas (Squatters' Camps):

Tai Hang-2,557 against 2,557 on Feb. 15.
Ngau Tau Kok-798 against 798 on Feb. 15.

Rural Areas:

Kam Tin-1,828 against 1,793 on Feb. 15.
Fanling Children's Camp-328 against 328 on Feb. 15.
Total-10,364 against 10,204 on Feb. 15.

702 Au Chung-shing: To be Senior Wardens-739 Chan Hot-cheung, 713 Chiu Tze-hang, 2656 Fung Yung, 799 Chow Hsiang-lin; To be Deputy Senior Wardens-3972 H. K. Pun, Kowloon City-2080 Wong Yat-lun and 2129 On Ching-wah to be Senior Wardens.

Tai-po:-To be Group Warden-2394 Ma Mau-lan; To be Deputy Group Wardens-2382 Chan Po-pui; To be Senior Wardens-2378 Wong Kai-lung, 2376 Tsang Ting-chiu, 2384 Chu She-tsun, 2338 Wong Cheung-ching, 2718 Law See-look; To be Deputy Senior Wardens-2389 Li Chi-chol, 2709 Yau Yam-fat, 2397 Liu Kwok-yuen, 2701 Lo Yick-shan, 2711 Chan Yuen-yau.

Shamshui-po:-To be Group Warden-2021 Yeung Man-choy; To be Senior Senior Wardens-1883 Dep. S/W Miss Kwok Mui-chih, 2022 Li Wing-hon; To be Deputy Senior Wardens-1899 Chan Yu-chung, 3130 Miss Wong Yin-kwan, 3020 Miss Cheung Shook-fong, 1984 Miss Fung Kit-ping, Yaumati:-To be Group Warden S/W 2181 E. Cheung; To be Deputy Group Warden-S/W 2242 Shok Bun.

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THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday

was 81 and the minimum 59.

Total rainfall since Jan. 1 is 9.33

inches against an average of 2.85.

The Royal Observatory report

states:-

There is no change in the anticyclone which covers N. China, Manchuria and Japan.

A shallow depression is developing over Thai and northern Indo-China.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Feb. 26.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.00 ins.

Temperature, 61 F.

Humidity, 92 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 5.

Temperature: maximum yesterday, 62 F.

Temperature: minimum last night, 59 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, 0.01 in.

Total rainfall since January 1st 9.33 ins.

Against an average of 2.85 ins.

Sunset tonight, 6.26 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.47 a.m.

4 p.m., Feb. 26.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.90 ins.

Temperature, 60 F.

Humidity, 98 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/S.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 5.

Minimum temperature, 59 F.

Maximum temperature, 61 F.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 27 Feb. to 5 Mar. 1941.

HIGH WATER LOW WATER

Days of Week Date of Month Hong Kong Standard Time Height Hong Kong Standard Time Height

Thur. 27 10.53 5.2 04.13 1.2

Fri. 28 11.17 6.4 04.42 1.4

Sat. 1 11.41 5.4 05.12 1.6

Sun. 2 11.58 6.5 05.39 2.0

Mon. 3 12.16 5.6 06.08 2.4

Tues. 4 12.39 4.7 06.38 2.7

Wed. 5 12.57 5.8 06.44 3.1

12.15 5.8 20.57 3.0



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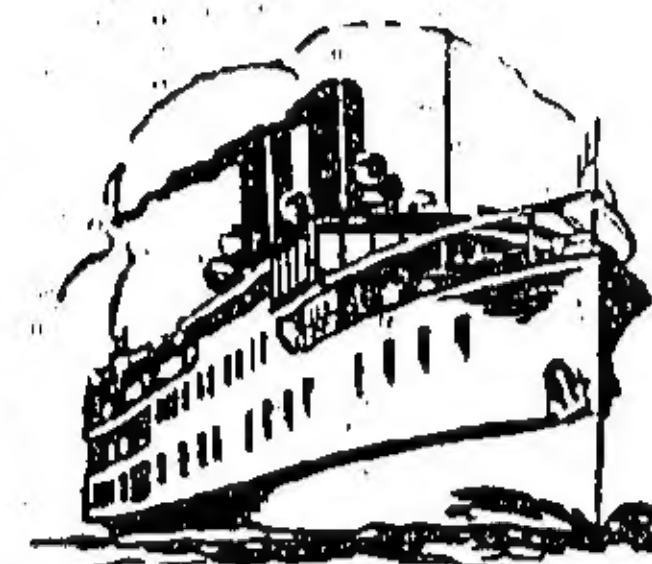
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**Ship's Officer Summoned
For Alleged Assault**

Alleged to have struck a junior immigration assistant, Pau Kwau, after having been called a "bloody bastard," J. F. Walters, Chief Engineer of ss. Kau Tung, appeared before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a summons of having unlawfully molested Pau in the execution of his duty on board on Feb. 16, assaulting him when he attempted to prevent the defendant leaving the ship without a pass.

Mr. D. L. Strellett, for the defence, pleaded not guilty. The prosecution was conducted by Mr. J. H. B. Lee, Deputy Immigration Officer.

In evidence, Pau said: "On Feb. 16 at 9 a.m. I was on duty on board ss. Kau Tung. I was stationed at the entrance to the gangway to examine passports. I had instructions to the effect that if anyone has a pass or certificate, he or she may go ashore."

"Defendant was the first one to pass me. When he got to the entrance, I asked him for a pass. He paid no heed to me and walked straight down the gangway. I caught up with him and asked him again. He was very angry and he struck me on the jaw."

STEPPED BACK
"I stepped back to avoid being struck again. One of my colleagues, Leung Ting-nam, came out of a cabin and held defendant by his arms."

"The exact words that I used when I asked him for a pass are: 'Have you got a pass?' Beside these, I did not say anything else."

"At that time, he was in civilian clothes and was carrying two parcels. He did not say anything to me."

"Mr. J. R. Poye, who is chief boarding immigration officer, arrived at the scene later."

"I sustained no injury; the blow fell on my teeth."

Cross-examined by Mr. Strellett, complainant said: I have been junior immigration assistant for about a month and 10 days now. On Feb. 16, I was then only employed under a month.

I had done this job of passport inspection for about a week then. I had never assisted anybody in this particular work before that, but I had watched people doing it.

it. Where, I do not remember, for it has been a long time ago.

Mr. Strellett: In fact you do not know what to do with ship's officers.—I know.

TOUCHED HIM

Did you pull his arms when he passed you?—No, I just touched him.

Is it the custom to pull someone by the arm?—No.

Did you say something in Chinese to the effect that 'you have a pass'?—I said in English: 'Have you got a pass?'

Did you hear him say that he was chief engineer of the ship?—I never heard him say that.

Handed a slip of paper, complainant read out from it "bloody bastard."

Do you know the meaning of those two words?—I don't know the meaning, but I know that it is of an indecent nature.

I put it to you that it was only when you said those two words that he walked up the gangway to you?—No.

There was no anger before you said those two words.—No, I never said those two words.

When he did strike you, you ran up to the deck.—He chased after me.

STRUCK ON SHOULDER

Leung Ting-nam, in the witness box, said that he saw his colleague struck on the shoulder by defendant on the deck.

Mr. Strellett: Both you and Mr. Poye told him to stop hitting complainant. Did either of you ask defendant why he hit complainant?—I asked him, but Mr. Poye did not.

What reason did he give?—He alleged that my colleague had said something offensive to him.

Hearing was adjourned to March 8, at 11 a.m.

**ROUND THE
POLICE
COURTS**

AT CENTRAL

MALICIOUS WOUNDING

Charged with maliciously wounding Lau Yat-sing with a chopper, Leung Tak, 45, unemployed, appeared before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday, when he was remanded for a week, on the application of Det. Sgt. R. Macvey, who said that complainant was seriously ill in the hospital.

Ball of \$500 was allowed.

SHROFF GAOLED

Arrested at No. 8, Anton Street, Wanchai, Sze Toi, alias Sze Toi Sing-kin, 37, shroff formerly employed by Messrs. Dodwell and Company, Ltd., was charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday with fraudulent conversion of the firm's money totalling \$5,588.56 on Jan. 11.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed.

THEFT OF BRICKS

Wong Chuen, 34, earth cooler, was charged before Major Macfadyen yesterday with stealing 270 bricks from the Maryknoll Mission grounds, Stanley, and Chan Fu, 42, with receiving.

First defendant was fined \$20, or one month's hard labour, and second defendant \$10, or 14 days.

RAINCOAT THEFT

Alleged to have stolen a raincoat, the property of Mr. J. P. Whitham, from the office of Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, Gloucester Building, on Feb. 23, Ng Hing, 21, unemployed, was charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday, and sentenced to three months' hard labour.

STOLE \$500

Wong On-yeung, 32, unemployed, charged with the theft of \$500 from No. 40, Connaught Road West, before Mr. Lowry yesterday, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

AT KOWLOON

HEARING ADJOURNED

The theft of a watch from Mr. K. M. A. Barnett, former Kowloon Magistrate, had a sequel before Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday when Chan Kut-kan alias Lewis Chan, 21, was charged with receiving the watch.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for defendant while Det. Sgt. J. Johnston represented the Police.

Further hearing was adjourned to March 6 at 11.30 a.m.

BROTHEL KEEPER FINED

Ho Ho, 63, of No. 128, Temple Street, was charged before Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday with keeping two wards without giving notice to the S. C. A.

Defendant, who was alleged to be the keeper of the brothel, was fined \$100 and to be expelled from the Colony.

PASSENGERS

Mr. Shigeru Inamatsu, Councilor of the China Affairs Board, was among the passengers who arrived by the N.Y.K. liner Hsui-mi Maru from Nagasaki yesterday.

Mrs. Toshiko Ishikawa, wife of the Chancellor of the Japanese Consulate the Canton, was also a passenger.

Through passengers included Mr. E. E. Knight, Mrs. Kitty Knight, Mr. G. A. Neville, Mr. A. F. Thomas, Mrs. Pauline Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. White, Mrs. Simmons Breuer and several Japanese.

LOCAL ESTATES

The late Mr. Andrew Henry Brown, who died intestate at the Matilda Hospital on Sept. 15 last, left local estate sworn under \$1,100. An application for letter of administration has been granted to Lancelot Ruggles Andrewes, the Official Administrator.

LEFT \$44,000

Local estate valued at \$44,000 was left by Pang Shun-hong, alias Pang Shun, alias Jose Pang, late restaurant proprietor of No. 109 Des Voeux Road Central, who died on Sept. 26 at sea. A petition by Pang Shun-hong and Pang Yue-phu, restaurant assistant, for probate of the will has been granted.

Mrs. Leiper, of No. 466, The Peak, has reported to the Police of the loss of a white metal brooch set with imitation diamonds on Tuesday.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1941, 9.30 A.M.

The General Post Office will be closed at 6.00 p.m. on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th, February 1941.

Mail Service to Madagascar and Reunion is temporarily suspended.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

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Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" by Sea from Singapore.	27th Feb.
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**POSSESSION OF
HEROIN PILLS**

**Three Women Are
Discharged**

Three women, Tam Cham, 30, Tsui Mui, 28, and Chan Tai, 49, who were arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, yesterday on a charge of possession of dangerous drugs, were discharged.

Tang Pong, 37, unemployed, who had pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of 21,000 heroin pills and 747 ounces of pink mass, was sentenced to three years' hard labour.

WOMEN CONVICTED

Two women, Yu Yuet-sau and Cheung Choi-lam, were sentenced to three years' imprisonment each when convicted on a charge of possession of dangerous drugs, namely, 70,300 heroin pills, at No. 50 Elgin Street.

ANOTHER CASE

Pleading guilty to possession of 38,600 heroin pills on the first floor of No. 461, Shanghai Street, Ip Sui, 34, unemployed, was sentenced to two years' hard labour by the Chief Justice yesterday.

Tang Kwong, 28, unemployed, was found not guilty of a charge of possession of 800 heroin pills at the same address.

Stated to have six previous convictions for the same offence, Lau Tak-tai, alias Lau Wing, who escaped from the Remand Prison on Thursday, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

**S'hai Reign
Of Terror**

**JAPS. BARRICADE
HONGKEW AREA**

SHANGHAI, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Political terrorists ran amok yesterday when three Japanese and a Chinese were shot in the course of three attacks.

The first attack was staged by two Chinese gunmen at 2 p.m. in Hongkew when Private Toda, of the Medical Corps, was shot and killed instantly, while Corporal Ishii was seriously wounded in the chest.

One of the two gunmen was wounded and captured by Japanese naval sentries.

Six hours later, in the same district, a lone Chinese gunman fired two shots at a Japanese naval officer, who is believed to have been wounded.

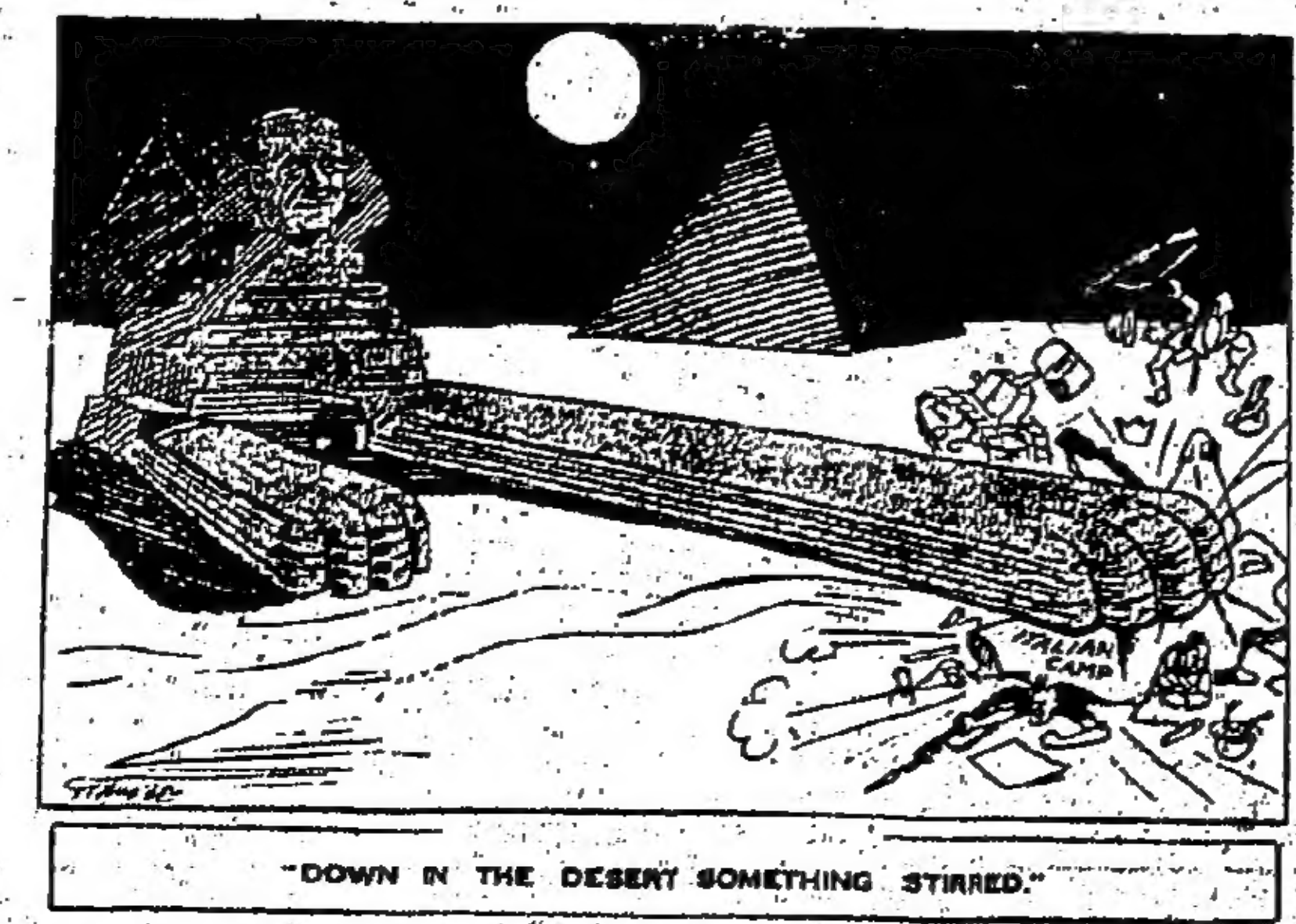
THIRD INCIDENT

A third attack was staged at 9 p.m. in the western area when another lone Chinese gunman critically wounded Wang Yung, stated to be an official of the Japanese-sponsored City Government Police.

Barricades were established late last night by Japanese bluejackets near the scene of the Hongkew shootings, disrupting all traffic. All bridges, however, are now open, though vehicular and pedestrian traffic is being held up by searches.

REPORTS DENIED

A Japanese naval spokesman categorically denied the reports alleging that a Chinese gunman fired on a Japanese naval officer last night.



"DOWN IN THE DESERT SOMETHING STIRRED."